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Hames Park on Main Street

**For The Year Ending
December 31, 1999**



HAMES PARK DEDICATION

On June 29, 1999, Hames Park, at the former location of the Community Store on Main Street, was dedicated. This park was able to be completed due to many generous contributions, including \$20,000 from the Pratt family in loving memory of Lib Pratt, a long term Sunapee Elementary School Teacher.

The Town Meeting appropriated funds for the purchase and demolition of the property. The Riverwalk Committee has worked hard coordinating the project and raising funds for it. Special thanks go to the local artisans and contractors who donated, or provided at reduced rates, their service and products, and to the Sunapee Highway Department.

The Board of Selectmen thank everybody involved in producing this lovely park. It has been wonderful to see the community involvement.

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Term Expires 2001

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Term Expires 2000

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Term Expires 2001

FOREST FIRE DEPUTY WARDENS

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Term Expires 2001

Howard Sargent

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Peter White	Term Expires 2000
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Christopher Domian, Alternate	

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORT

Once again I find myself looking back over the past year, 1999, the end of the century, the end of the millennium. It doesn't seem like it could possibly be the end of the year. The Board of Selectmen has had a busy year. In the wake of the Town votes on the Highway Garage and Perkins Pond Sewer Project, the Board has appointed a new Buildings Committee, which has spent a significant amount of time reviewing existing data, plans, and property. They have also looked at the needs of each department and come up with a plan of action for these future needs. The first articles to initiate their plan to address these needs are on the warrant this year.

The Water and Sewer Commission and the Town Manager have been active in refining the Perkins Pond Sewer Project so that more precise project costs can be presented.

The biggest issue that the Board has dealt with this past year was the Education Funding issue. Sunapee, as most of you know, is a "donor" town (the last I knew a donation was a thing that was given freely). The Board has attempted to stay informed of the developments in this situation through our representatives and senators. We also have become involved with the Portsmouth Coalition by sending a donation (given freely) to the preliminary study intended to help determine if there is a case against the State. The Board recommends the article on the warrant for more financial support to help pursue the case.

Due to the Supreme Court ruling, we have had to collect our taxes for the State portion of the education tax. Some communities have put this money into escrow and some have not even collected it. We have collected it and put it into the general fund to earn interest and to help keep us from having to borrow money in anticipation of taxes and we will only send it to the State if we have to.

We have again spent much time with the Department Heads, the Town Manager, and the Budget Advisory Committee, who has spent more time than we have, to develop budgets this year intended to hold the line on taxes without sacrificing service. Special articles have undergone careful scrutiny and are what we feel are good values to the Town.

In closing I would like to thank the voters and taxpayers for the support we have received over this year in our endeavors to oversee our Town.

Respectfully submitted,
Frederick C. Gallup, Chairman

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

I am writing this report just after the annual budget and bond hearing was held and my sixth anniversary as Sunapee's first Town Manager. There was almost double the number of public at that hearing this year. I see this as good for the community and hope the turnout for the first session of the Town Meeting will be better attended too. Many of you have participated over the past year to help make Sunapee the community in which we all want to live and raise our families. The Planning Board has been working hard to produce the proposed use zoning changes (Article #2 of the Town Meeting Warrant). The Zoning Board has been reviewing carefully all the special exception and variance requests presented by property owners to reach solutions that fit the individual neighborhoods. The Conservation Commission has been preparing forestry plans for Town owned lots and working to protect open green spaces for future generations to enjoy. The Riverwalk Committee has been very active this past year bringing about the development of Hames Park on Main Street where the old Community Store used to be. I am very proud to have been involved with the project and the wonderful result. Last year I reported over \$44,000, \$20,000 of which was from the Pratt family, had been donated for the park. In 1999 we received an additional \$14,000 to complete the project. In June we dedicated the Park to Lib Pratt, a long time teacher in Sunapee. We have an article (#22) on the Warrant to accept additional land next to the park, and have tentative offers for funds to repair the dam just below the park and to build a footbridge just upstream of the park. Many thanks to Tony Bergeron and his Highway crew for their work and his supervision of the contractors who donated much of their time. A special tip of my hat goes to Dick Webb for his generous donations of time, money, and guidance with this project. It is great to see the community involvement in this project and in all the day to day operations of the town.

Capital Improvement Projects have been less obvious this year, but steps necessary to maintain our infrastructure have continued. The road-repaving program continued this year with Trow Hill Road, Ryder Corner Road, Perkins Pond Road, and North Road from Ryder Corner Road to Trow Hill Road. The library and town hall roofs were replaced and the library chimneys repaired. The steel water tank on Burkehaven Hill was repainted inside and out. The Town Buildings Committee, after careful review and study, has recommended that the proposed Highway Garage be located on Avery Road. There are three articles on the Warrant related to the Highway Garage and other future Town Buildings: Article #8 to broaden the scope of the original Highway Garage Reserve Fund to include other buildings and locations, Article #9 to provide additional funds for design, and Article #10 to provide additional funds for the future construction.

Last March, 57% voted for the Perkins Pond Sewer Project. However, there was a two thirds requirement due to the bonding involved, so the project was not approved. The Legislature has amended that requirement down to 60% for SB 2 towns since a greater number of voters vote by ballot than attend and vote in the standard Town Meeting. Article #5 is the Perkins Pond Project. The total cost to the Town and users will be less as the Water & Sewer Commission was able to obtain a grant commitment of over \$780,000 from the U. S. Rural Development Agency. If approved, this project will continue the Town's commitment to a clean environment started in the early '70's when the sewer plant and lines were first approved and installed.

The Lake Sunapee Protective Association was able to obtain funds for several projects to protect the lake's quality. One of these is to make improvements to the Dewey Beach area to reduce erosion and direct runoff into the ground and the adjacent brook. I appreciate the cooperation and assistance of the LSPA in this and other projects.

As your Town Manager, naturally a great deal of time is spent in various **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**. Eighty nine evening meetings and work outside the "normal" 40 hour week resulted in a net increase of hours equivalent to 9.4 additional weeks. I have been the Board of Selectmen's representative to the Planning Board for all of 1999. This has added to the hours of evening work, but has helped me be more aware of the Planning Board's actions and challenges. The budget process has gone very smoothly again, thanks to the departments' conservative management, and the Selectmen's and Budget Advisory Committee's cooperation and constructive outlook. I thank all involved.

The State Legislature worked hard to come up with a funding solution for education. Unfortunately the solution has not turned out to be a real solution – it requires 53 communities, including Sunapee, to send more money to the State than they will receive in adequacy grants from the State. Sunapee has to send \$579,648 in March this year. That is equal to 41.2% of the Municipal funds raised by taxes in 1999! Naturally a considerable portion of my time has been spent over the year involved in trying to work with our legislators for a fair solution and working with the Coalition of Communities, led by Portsmouth, to determine the legal basis to have the statewide property tax thrown out. Article 7 provides \$25,000 for the Selectmen to use as they see fit to fight the property tax and to find a better solution. Thank you for not shooting the messenger when we sent out the second tax bills with an overall increase of 7.88%. (The Town's portion went down 4.78%.)

In accordance with RSA 37, the Town Manager form of Government Statute, as voted by the Town in 1993, an opinion of the Town Counsel, and approval of the Board of Selectmen, the position of Police Chief is appointed by the Manager, and will therefore no longer be on the ballot. I have appointed Alan Soucy to continue in the position.

Very few property owners decided to take their property valuation appeals to the Board of Tax and Land Appeals or to the District Court. I like to think that this is an indication the State did an adequate job in revaluing the Town in 1998 and that the Board of Selectmen has responded responsibly to the requests for adjustment. The State will no longer be involved in updating valuations due to their greater responsibility in the equalization process under the Statewide Property Tax.

The operating budget includes \$8800 to hire a half time assistant or intern to assist me in getting a number of projects done that I just have not had time to do. If the Perkins Pond Project is approved, a considerable amount of time will be needed to work on the final easements and road layout. The Personnel Handbook needs another update, job descriptions need to be reviewed again, perambulations need to be written and others need to be done, Ordinances need to be codified and printed, etc. There has been no increase in the number of employees at the Town Hall since before I came six years ago.

I continue to enjoy the many challenges of helping to make Sunapee Town government responsive to the needs of its residents and businesses and working with so many people to reach that goal. Thank you for your assistance and continued involvement.

Respectfully submitted,
John B. Wheeler
Town Manager

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Budget Advisory Committee, with the aid of Town Department Managers, the Board of Selectmen, and the Town Manager, has reviewed, in detail the Year-2000 Town Budget. As in prior years, the goals and objectives of the Budget Advisory Committee are to ensure that requested funds are only necessary and reasonable items, with the increase to taxpayers kept at a minimum.

The Budget Advisory Committee's recommendations for the Sunapee Town Warrant Articles are as follows.

- Articles 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21 are *recommended*.
- Articles 29, 30, and 31 are *not recommended*.
- Articles 1,2, 3, 4, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28 have *no recommendation*.

After completion of this year's budgetary process, the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee were able to approve expenditures with no increase in the Town portion of the tax rate, for the year 2000. This was made possible by adjusting the amount of available surplus use to offset taxes, while maintaining an adequate surplus for future use, in accordance with State guidelines. The year-2000 operating budget includes a three percent (3%) raise for all Town employees and a five percent (5%) increase in the cost of health insurance.

Following the 1999 election mandate, the Budget Advisory Committee now has the same responsibility for the Sunapee School Budget as for the Town portion of the annual budget. Armed with copies of warrant articles and the budget for 2000-2001 school year, the Budget Advisory Committee attended the numerous meetings of the School Board. The Budget Advisory Committee asked questions, offered suggestions, and made every effort to evaluate each line item, using the same logic and informed assumptions submitted by the School Board.

The School Board is asking the Town to raise and appropriate \$5,928,627 for the operations budget and \$533,198 for special warrant articles. This is a total of \$6,461,825. Last year's Town vote compelled the schools to accept the default operations budget of \$5,522,058 and special warrant articles of \$126, 000; these figures totaled \$5,648,058. This year's combined requests for the operating budget and the special warrant articles is \$813,767 more than what was approved by the voters last year. This is an increase of 14.4 percent. We believe

that 14.4 percent, and what it may forecast for the future, is not sustainable by the taxpayers of Sunapee.

The Budget Advisory Committee strongly believes that more effort should be made to keep the growth of the School Budget at a lower limit of variation. We are confident that concentration on a minimum increase will not compromise the high quality of education we all want for the school children in the Town of Sunapee. We respectfully request that the School Board revisit their 2000-2001 budget, and, at the very least, decrease it to the default total of \$5,791,365.

The Budget Advisory Committee’s recommendations on the School Warrant Articles are as follows:

- Articles 3 and 8 are *not recommended*.
- Articles 4, 7, 9, 10, and 12 are *recommended*
- If Article 5 uses \$1,000 from the School Bus Capital Reserve Fund, and Article 6 uses \$25,000 from the School Building Capital Reserve Fund, the Budget Advisory Committee *will recommend* that they be adopted.
- The Budget Advisory Committee has no recommendation on Article 11.

The Budget Advisory Committee was pleased to receive the *Sunapee School District Capital Improvements Plan for School Years Ending 2001-2006*. This is a written presentation of the capital improvement needs of the school district, calculated to maintain the quality of our school buildings and support programs. This plan will serve as a measure by which the Town can determine future School Budget appropriations.

In the years to come, the Budget Advisory Committee will continue to work closely with the school principals, the SAU, and the School Board during the budget preparation process, just as we do with the Board of Selectmen on the Town Budget. This year’s deliberations were enlightening and were an excellent learning process for the Budget Advisory Committee members. We are looking forward to a worthwhile association with the educators and the School Board.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Naimie, Chairman
Charles Balyeat
Charlotte Brown
Jim Elliott
Emma Smith
The Budget Advisory Committee

**TOWN OF SUNAPEE TOWN WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE, County of Sullivan, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the David W. Sherburne Gymnasium located on Route 11, in said Sunapee, on Wednesday, the 9th day of February, 2000, at 6:30 p.m. for the deliberative portion of the annual Town Meeting to discuss articles 2 through 31, and to amend, if deemed appropriate, Articles 5 through 31, hereinafter set forth. Final voting action on all articles shall take place by ballot on Tuesday, the 14th day of March 2000, at the Sherburne Gymnasium, Route 11, Sunapee. The polls shall be open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Article 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend portions of Articles II, III, IV, VI, and XI of the Zoning Ordinance to create five new zoning districts which define certain permitted uses. The five new zoning districts as shown on a revised Zoning Map and are as follows: Village District, Mixed-Use District, Residential District, Rural-Residential District and Rural Lands District?

The Planning Board favors adopting Amendment #1; 7-0

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #1

Amend Article II, Section 2.10 – Zoning Map and Description of Districts - by deleting the current description of districts and replacing with the following:

<i>V</i>	-	<i>Village District</i>
<i>M</i>	-	<i>Mixed Use District</i>
<i>R</i>	-	<i>Residential District</i>
<i>RR</i>	-	<i>Rural-Residential District</i>
<i>RL</i>	-	<i>Rural Lands District</i>

Amend Article II, Section 2.30 – District Purpose and Description – by deleting the descriptions of current Districts I through IV and replacing with the following:

All district boundaries are generally described below and are more specifically detailed on the Zoning Map (as seen on page 73) per Section 2.20 of this Ordinance.

Village District – The Village Districts of the Town of Sunapee are patterned after the typical New England town centers. These areas are characterized by the highest densities of land use and also contain the mix of land uses associated with village centers, including commercial, public, institutional, and both single-family and multi-family residential land uses. In general, the two village districts are located in Sunapee Village (including Sunapee Harbor and the Lower Village Area) and Georges Mills.

Mixed-Use District – The Mixed Use areas of the Town of Sunapee provide opportunities for commercial, light industrial, and tourism related businesses. The two mixed-use areas are generally located in the Wendell Village area and the area surrounding the intersections of Route 103, Brook Road and Cross Road.

Residential District – The Residential Districts of the Town of Sunapee are areas of primarily characterized by medium density residential housing and home based businesses. These areas are generally located adjacent to the existing village district centers described above.

Residential-Rural District – The Residential-Rural areas of the Town of Sunapee are primarily characterized by low-density residential housing and home-based businesses. There is also the opportunity in this district for low-impact commercial uses in appropriate locations near existing utilities and highways. The Residential-Rural District comprises most of the Town of Sunapee outside of the Village and Residential centers described above.

Rural Lands District – The Rural Lands area of the Town of Sunapee are remote natural areas of the Town. Typical land uses include very low-density residential housing and associated recreational and forestry operations. This district is generally located in the Northwest corner of the Town of Sunapee.

Water Resources Overlay Districts – This District is comprised of three areas determined by naturally occurring phenomena. This is an overlay district; its boundaries are independent but contained within the five districts described above. The three areas comprising the Water Resources Overlay District are:

- 1) Wetlands - The Wetlands Overlay District is defined as those areas delineated as very poorly and poorly drained soils by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, in the Soil Survey of Sullivan*

County contiguous to surface waters such as lakes, ponds and streams, subjected to high water tables for extended periods of time and includes, but are not necessarily limited to, all such areas delineated as Wetlands on the current Wetlands Overlay District Map, which is on file in the office of the Planning Board. Where it is alleged that an area has been incorrectly delineated as a wetland, or that an area is not so designated, but meets the criteria for Wetlands designation, the Planning Board shall determine whether the regulations contained herein have application. The Planning Board shall make their judgment under this section only upon the determination by a qualified wetland or soil scientist on the basis of additional on-site investigation or other suitable research that the information contained on the Wetlands Overlay District Map is incorrect. This evidence shall be acceptable only when presented in written form by said scientist to the Planning Board. Any such investigation, including soil tests, shall be conducted at the expense of the landowner or developer.

- 2) Aquifers - The Aquifer Overlay District shall be defined as the areas having a high, medium, or low potential to yield groundwater as shown on the Aquifer Overlay District Map on file in the Office of the Planning Board.*
- 3) Shorelines - The Shoreline Overlay District shall be defined as all lands within 300 feet of lakes and ponds greater than 10 acres, as shown on the Shoreline Overlay District Map on file in the Office of the Planning Board.*

The purpose of the Water Resources Overlay District is to protect our water resources and protect those parts of Sunapee that are particularly ecologically fragile. The Water Resources Overlay District encompasses areas of the other districts. Where the Water Resources Overlay District is superimposed over another zoning district, the more restrictive regulations shall apply.

Amend Article III, Section 3.10 – Table of Dimensional Controls – by replacing the existing table with the following table:

<u>Requirement</u>	<u>Village</u>	<u>Mixed Use</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Rural-Residential</u>	<u>Rural Lands</u>
Minimum Lot Size	0.5 Acres	0.5 Acres	1.0 Acres	1.5 Acres	3.0 Acres
Maximum					
Residential Density (du=dwelling unit)	1 du/10,000 sf	1 du/0.5 Ac	1 du/1.0 Ac.	1 du/1.5 Ac.	1 du/3.0 Ac.
Minimum Road Frontage	75'	75'	75'	100'	150'
Minimum Front Setback: (Rt.11, 103,103B)	75'	75'	75'	75'	75'
All Other Roads	40'	40'	50'	50'	75'
Minimum Side & Rear Setbacks	10'	15'	15'	25'	50'
Maximum Lot Coverage	80%	80%	50%	40%	30%
Maximum Structure Height	40'	40'	40'	40'	40'

Amend Article III, Section 3.20 – Table of Dimensional Controls – Districts Overlaid – by replacing the existing table with the following table:

<u>Requirement</u>	<u>Village</u>	<u>Mixed Use</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Rural-Residential</u>	<u>Rural Lands</u>
Minimum Lot Size:					
1) Shoreline	1.0 Acres	1.0 Acres	1.5 Acres	3.0 Acres	
2) Aquifer	2.0 Acres	2.0 Acres	2.0 Acres	2.0 Acres	
3) Wetlands	1.5 Acres	1.5 Acres	1.5 Acres	1.5 Acres	
Maximum Lot Coverage:					
1) Shoreline	60%	N/A	40%	30%	25%
2) Aquifer	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%
3) Wetlands	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Amend Article IV, Section 4.10 – by deleting the existing wording and adding the lists of permitted uses as follows:

The following uses are permitted in each zoning district, subject to the other provisions of this ordinance:

Village District – (V)

Permitted by Right

<i>Accessory Uses</i>	<i>Municipal Buildings & Facilities</i>
<i>Assembly Halls</i>	<i>Museums & Galleries</i>
<i>Banks</i>	<i>Nursing & Convalescent Homes</i>
<i>Bed & Breakfast, Tourist Homes</i>	<i>Playhouse/Performing Arts/Theatre</i>
<i>Inns, Lodging & Boarding</i>	<i>Post Offices</i>
<i>Churches</i>	<i>Professional Offices & Clinics</i>
<i>Day Care</i>	<i>Restaurants (excluding Drive-in Restaurants)</i>
<i>Funeral Homes</i>	<i>Retail (up to 15,000 sf)</i>
<i>Home Business</i>	<i>Schools (Public & Private)</i>
<i>Home Occupation</i>	<i>Services</i>
<i>Laundromat & Dry Cleaners</i>	<i>Shopping Centers (up to 15,000 sf)</i>
<i>Motels & Hotels</i>	<i>Single-Family Dwellings</i>
<i>Multi-Family Dwellings</i>	<i>Two-Family Dwellings</i>
<i>(3 to 5 units)</i>	

Permitted by Special Exception

<i>Auto, Boat & Engine Repair Shops</i>	<i>Veterinarians</i>
<i>Marinas</i>	<i>Yards (Lumber, etc.)</i>

Mixed Use District – (M)

Permitted by Right

<i>Accessory Uses</i>	<i>Light Industry</i>
<i>Auction Halls</i>	<i>Long Term Storage Facility</i>
<i>Bed & Breakfast, Tourist Home,</i>	<i>Manufactured Housing/Mobile Homes</i>
<i>Inns, Lodging & Boarding</i>	<i>Motels & Hotels</i>
<i>Boat Storage</i>	<i>Municipal Buildings & Facilities</i>
<i>Churches</i>	<i>Professional Offices & Clinics</i>
<i>Funeral Homes</i>	<i>Restaurants</i>
<i>Home Business</i>	<i>Retail (up to 15,000 sf)</i>
<i>Home Occupation</i>	<i>Single-Family Dwellings</i>
<i>Hospitals</i>	<i>Two-Family Dwellings</i>
<i>Laundromats & Dry Cleaners</i>	<i>Veterinarian</i>

Permitted by Special Exception

Auto Dealer

Auto, Boat & Engine Repair

Multi-Family Dwellings (3 to 5 Units)

Residential District – (R)

Permitted by Right

Accessory Uses

Bed & Breakfast, Tourist Homes,
Inns, Lodging, Boarding

Home Occupations

Municipal Buildings & Facilities

Manufactured Housing/Mobile Homes

Single-Family Dwellings

Two-Family Dwellings

Permitted by Special Exception

Boat Storage

Churches

Day Care

Home Business

Marinas

Multi-Family Dwellings (3 to 5 Units)

Nursing & Convalescent Homes

Professional Offices & Clinics

Veterinarian

Rural-Residential District – (RR)

Permitted by Right

Accessory Use

Cemeteries

Farming

Forestry

Home Occupations

Manufactured Housing/Mobile Homes

Municipal Buildings & Facilities

Single-Family Dwellings

Two Family Dwellings

Permitted by Special Exception

Bed & Breakfast, Tourist Homes,

Inns, Lodging & Boarding

Boat Storage

Campgrounds

Churches

Day Care

Golf Courses

Home Business

Kennels

Marinas

Motels & Hotels

Nurseries & Greenhouses,

Nursing & Convalescent Homes

Professional Offices & Clinics

PUD (Office Complex)

PUD (Residential)

Recreation Facilities

Resource Extraction

Restaurants (Excluding Drive-in Restaurant)

Saw Mills

Veterinarian

Rural Lands District – (RL)

Permitted by Right

Accessory Use

Farming

Forestry

Home Occupations

Manufactured Housing/Mobile Homes

Single-Family Dwellings

Two-Family Dwellings

Permitted by Special Exception

Churches

Day Care

Home Business

Municipal Buildings & Facilities

Nurseries & Greenhouses

Recreation Facilities

Saw Mills

Veterinarian

Amend Article IV – Use Regulations – by adding a new Section 4.15 describing Use Special Exception criteria as follows:

4.15 SPECIAL EXCEPTION CRITERIA FOR USES

The Zoning Board of Adjustment pursuant to its powers outlined in Article X may, subject to appropriate conditions and safeguards such as Site Plan Review with the Planning Board, approve certain uses as Special Exceptions. Uses potentially qualifying for exceptions are listed in Section 4.10. The Board, in acting on the application for a Special Exception, shall take into consideration the following criteria:

- 1. That the selected site is an appropriate location for the proposed use.*
- 2. That adequate and safe highway access is provided to the proposed site and that there is adequate off-street parking provided for the proposed use.*
- 3. That adequate methods of sewage disposal are available at the proposed site.*
- 4. That the proposal will not be detrimental, hazardous, or injurious to the neighborhood.*
- 5. That the proposed use is consistent with the spirit of the Ordinance and the intent of the Master Plan.*

Amend Article IV – Section 4.20 – Prohibited Uses – by deleting the current wording and replacing with the following:

Any use not specifically permitted is prohibited.

Amend Article VI – Non-Conforming Structures, Lots – by adding Section 6.30 as follows:

Section 6.30 NONCONFORMING USES

Any lawful use which is non-conforming with Section 4.10, as of the date on which this section is adopted, may continue provided that it does not create a health or safety hazard and is not a nuisance. Existing Uses that are Non-Conforming with Section 4.10, at the time of passage of this section, may expand in size up to 50% without variance or special exception, provided that Site Plan Review approval is obtained from the Planning Board, and provided that such expansion is otherwise in full compliance with the remaining terms of this ordinance.

Amend Article XI – Definitions – by adding the following definitions:

ACCESSORY USES – A use on the same lot that is customarily associated with, and incidental and subordinate to, the principal use of the lot.

BED & BREAKFAST, TOURIST HOMES, INNS, LODGING & BOARDING – An owner-occupied single family dwelling in which no more than ten (10) rooms are used to provide transient sleeping accommodations, with meals served to guests only.

DRIVE-IN RESTAURANT – Any place or premise used for sale, dispensing or servicing of food, refreshments, or beverages in automobiles or to customers in automobiles.

HOME OCCUPATION – Any use that is customarily conducted in the home by the inhabitants of such home. A home occupation shall not involve on-site sales or customer service. There shall be no employees and no on-site signs, advertising, or outside displays. The home occupation shall be subordinate and incidental to the primary residential use of the property and shall not change the residential character of the dwelling or neighborhood. The home occupation shall not generate noise, odor, traffic, or any other negative influence on the community or neighboring properties. Heavy equipment and materials in contractors' yards shall be either screened or enclosed.

HOME BUSINESS – Any business that is conducted within the home by the inhabitants of the home and no more than three non-resident employees. The home business shall meet all the requirements of the Site Plan Review Regulations. If the home business is for retail purposes, it shall be limited to items which are made on the premises or antiques. The home business shall

be subordinate and incidental to the primary residential use of the property and shall not change the residential character of the dwelling or neighborhood. The home business shall not generate noise, odor, traffic, or any other negative influence on the community or neighboring properties.

HOTEL & MOTEL – A building or group of buildings providing sleeping accommodations for persons on a transient basis. Meals may be served to guests but cooking facilities are not allowed in individual rooms.

MANUFACTURED HOUSING – Any structure, transportable in one or more sections, which, in the traveling mode, is 8 body feet or more in width and 40 body feet or more in length, or when erected on site, is 320 square feet or more, and which is built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling with, or without a permanent foundation, when connected to required utilities, which include plumbing, heating, and electrical heating systems contained therein. Manufactured housing, as defined in this section, shall not include presite built housing as defined in RSA 674:31-a.

PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (RESIDENTIAL & OFFICE COMPLEX) – The Planned Unit Development (PUD) is to encourage the most efficient and environmentally sound use of a parcel of land while providing for residential development and employment opportunities. The following minimum requirements apply:

- 1. The gross land area of the parcel for a PUD must be a minimum of five (5) acres.*
- 2. The PUD must meet the Site Plan Review Regulations set forth by the Planning Board.*
- 3. For the Office Complex application, the use is limited to such firms as software development, research, high-tech, and other professional applications, plus those uses which are permitted in the subject zoning district. Manufacturing and other industrial applications are not allowed.*
- 4. For Residential uses, the maximum densities as specified in the underlying zoning district apply. Setbacks apply to all external property lines and roads.*

RECREATION FACILITIES – Any use which is designed for the purpose of leisure time activities including, but not limited to, Cross Country Skiing, Sport Clubs, Horse Boarding, Hiking, etc.

RESOURCE EXTRACTION – Any use which includes the removal of earth resources. This includes, but is not limited to, quarrying, sand & gravel pits, water extraction, and other similar uses.

Amend Article XI – Definitions – by deleting the existing definition and replacing with the following:

FRONT SETBACK – *The distance from the centerline of the road R.O.W. to a structure. No structure shall be built within Town or State R.O.W.*

Article 3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #2

Amend ARTICLE III, SECTION 3.50(i) – Special Exceptions - of the Zoning Ordinance by changing condition #2 to read as follows:

(2) The existing structure is a House (living area only), Garage, *or Commercial Building*.

The Planning Board favors adopting Amendment #2; 7-0

Article 4: To hear the reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Auditors, Committees, and/or other officers heretofore chosen.

Article 5: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$2,184,641 for design and construction of sewerage facilities identified as Perkins Pond sewers, and associated improvements to the Sunapee Waste Water Treatment Plant, more particularly described in the Cost Effective Evaluation Report dated September 1998, to serve properties in the vicinity of Mary’s Road, Piney Point Road, Burma Road, North Shore Road, Paquette Lane, Melody Lane and Northwest Lane; and for limited improvements to said ways; and to raise the said sum from issuance and sale of bonds for such purposes, provided:

(1) Without impairing the general obligation of the Town to repay such bonds or other indebtedness incurred in connection with the project, the Water and Sewer Commission shall collect, through user fees, amounts necessary to support repayment of that portion of such bonds and indebtedness associated with the costs of the following parts of the project: the sewer collector lines to the point of connection with the interceptor on the south side of Ryder Corner Road, east of Piney Point Road, and 50% of the road improvement costs; and

(2) The Water and Sewer Commission is authorized, in its discretion, to obtain loans in support of the project through the State of New Hampshire Revolving Loan Fund administered by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services pursuant to NH RSA 486:14; and from the United States Rural Development Agency, and in connection therewith, to contract indebtedness in amounts which may temporarily exceed total project costs, but

only to facilitate arrangements for longer term indebtedness which shall be used to repay short term indebtedness; and

(3) The Water and Sewer Commission is authorized to defray a portion of the costs of the project and thereby reduce the amount to be raised from issuance and sale of bonds, from any and all grants-in-aid available from the United States of America or the State of New Hampshire for said purpose, acceptance of which is hereby authorized, together with authorization to incur indebtedness in anticipation of receipt of such grants-in-aid, pursuant to RSA 33:7-b. The Water and Sewer Commission shall determine whether the amount to be raised from issuance and sale of bonds may be reduced after determining the amounts available from the alternate sources specified in this and the immediately preceding paragraph.

(4) The Water and Sewer Commission is further authorized to defray a portion of the costs of the project and thereby reduce the amount to be raised from bonds or loans, by expending from the Sewer Attachment Fee Fund for purposes of the project, an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

(5) To assure that the project, where practicable, will be constructed in public ways and thereby reduce project costs, the authorization and appropriation provided in this article shall be effective only as, if, and when conditional layout proceedings have been commenced pursuant to NH RSA 231:28-32 for layout, as Class V highways, of such portions of the private ways listed in the introductory paragraph of this Article in which sewerage facilities are to be installed, except that portions of Northwest Lane in which such facilities are to be installed shall be subject to layout as a class VI highway pursuant to NH RSA 231:8. Approval of this Article shall constitute the local legislative body's approval of acceptance thereof by layout, in accordance with NH RSA 674:40, III.

Sixty percent vote required for bonding.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 6: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles (5,9 through 19 and 29 through 31) nor other appropriations voted separately, (7, 20, and 21) the amounts as set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$3,409,252? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$3,333,771, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by the previous action of the Town of Sunapee or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 7: Are you in favor of raising and appropriating the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of working for a more equitable way of funding public education within the State of New Hampshire? Said purpose may include legal or other expenses which the Board of Selectmen feel are appropriate. And are you in favor of authorizing the transfer from the December 31, 1999 General Fund balance of \$13,977 resulting from unexpended funds received in 1999 by the Town, from the State, to reimburse the Town for expenses incurred by the State Wide Property Tax system, for such purposes (the remaining \$11,023 to be raised by taxation)?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 8: Are you in favor of changing the purpose of Article 22 of the 1997 Town Meeting from “designing and constructing a new Highway Garage facility on Avery Road in Sunapee, Map 7, lot 49...” to “designing and constructing new Town Buildings, including, but not limited to, a Highway Garage Facility and a Public Safety facility, at locations approved by the Town Building Committee, Board of Selectmen, and Planning Board, after receiving appropriate public input”? (2/3 vote required to change the purpose of a capital reserve fund)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 9: Are you in favor of raising and appropriating the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Highway Garage Facility Capital Reserve Fund, as established by Article 22 of the 1997 Town Meeting, and as may be amended by the article immediately prior to this? The proposed primary use of the funds is for site surveys and plans, and building designs. The full sum of \$10,000 is to come from the Hydroelectric Fund Surplus.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 10: Are you in favor of raising and appropriating the sum of \$70,000 to be added to the Highway Garage Facility Capital Reserve Fund, as established by Article 22 of the 1997 Town Meeting, and as may be amended by Article 8 above? The proposed primary use of the funds is for future construction of Town Buildings. The full sum of \$70,000 is to come from the Hydroelectric Fund Surplus

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 11: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund, as established by Article 33 of the 1984 Town Meeting, for the purpose of acquiring or refurbishing fire apparatus and equipment?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 12: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$70,000 to be added to the Highway Heavy Equipment Reserve Fund, as established by Article 29 of the 1989 Town Meeting?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 13: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund, as established by Article 11 of the 1999 Town Meeting?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 14: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund, as established by Article 26 of the 1993 Town Meeting, for updating tax maps and to designate the Town Manager as Agent to expend?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 15: Are you in favor of raising and appropriating the sum of \$30,000 to rebuild the retaining wall and sidewalk on the south side of Main Street from High Street to the Police Station? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until the work is completed or December 31, 2002, which ever occurs first.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 16: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$20,000 for a full capacity evaluation of Sunapee's 28-year-old wastewater treatment plant, and to make recommendations for future improvements to the plant; and to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$20,000 for said purposes from existing Sewer Attachment Fee funds? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until the work is completed or December 31, 2004 which ever occurs first.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 17: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$50,000 for the upgrade of three of the eight pump stations, which are twenty-six years old and in need of electrical service and pump upgrading; and to authorize the withdrawal of said sum from Sewer Department User funds? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the work is completed or December 31, 2004, which ever occurs first.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 18: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$1900 to be added to the Expendable Trust Fund, as established by Article 43 of the 1989 Town Meeting and as amended by Article 33 of the 1991 Town Meeting, under the provisions of RSA 31:19(a) for the general maintenance and care of burial lots of the Cemeteries, and to authorize the transfer of said sum from the December 31, 1999, General Fund balance?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 19: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$7,500 to be placed in the Conservation Commission Fund, to be used for the acquisition and improvement of property, easements, and other interests in land within the Town, for the benefit of present and future generations, all in accordance with RSA 36-A?

The Conservation Commission unanimously recommends adoption.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 20: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$27,200 to purchase and equip a new Police cruiser, to trade in or sell the 1995 Ford Cruiser, and to authorize the use of said trade-in or sale to offset the amount to be raised by taxation? It is expected that the Town will receive \$1,500 for the trade-in.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 21: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$47,000 to purchase and equip a new truck for the Highway Department, and authorizing the sale or trade in of the existing 1995 Ford truck; and authorizing the withdrawal of up to \$47,000 from the previously-authorized Highway Heavy Equipment Reserve Fund, and authorizing the use of said trade-in or sale to reduce the amount withdrawn from the Highway Heavy Equipment Reserve Fund? It is expected that the Town will receive \$8,000 for the trade-in.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 22: Are you in favor of the Town accepting a gift of certain real estate adjacent to Hames Park, on Main Street, from Micro-Precision, Inc., John Wiggins President, Georgia Thomas, Clerk, subject to any necessary subdivision approval and further subject to such investigation and such terms as the Selectmen deem appropriate?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 23: Are you in favor of granting an easement to the Sunapee Harbor Riverway Corporation, upon Town land at the Northeast corner of the River Road parking lot, for the purpose of locating thereon portions of a foot bridge, to be constructed and maintained by said grantee as part of the Riverwalk, so called, the precise location of said easement to be determined by the Selectmen after consultation with the grantee; and are you in favor of the Town accepting an easement from Sunapee Harbor Riverway Corporation to permit passage of public pedestrian traffic over the said Riverwalk?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 24: Are you in favor of authorizing the Board of Selectmen to enter into a long-term agreement with the State of New Hampshire, on the best available terms, for the use, maintenance, and operation of the Town owned Georges Mills Boat Ramp and Restrooms? The said agreement is not to be signed by the Selectmen until the public has had appropriate opportunities to express its opinions and recommendations on the content of the agreement. This authorization does not require the Board of Selectmen to enter into such an agreement, if the Board decides such an agreement would not be in the best interest of the Town.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 25: Are you in favor of changing the number of Abbott Library Trustees from the present five to seven, and are you in favor of authorizing the Board of Selectmen to appoint two new members to fill the proposed positions until the 2001 annual election, all in accordance with RSA 202-A:6 and RSA 669:17?

By request of the Abbott Library Board of Trustees

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 26: Are you in favor voting to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of municipal assets (i.e.; old vehicles or equipment) as deemed necessary?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 27: Are you in favor of voting to allow the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes up to two years in advance of the due date of the taxes, in accordance with RSA 80:52-a? There will be no interest credited or paid by the Town on prepaid tax amounts. Said authorization shall stay in effect until such time as the Town may vote to rescind it.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 28: Are you in favor of the Town sending the following resolution to the New Hampshire General Court: "Resolved, New Hampshire's natural, cultural, and historic resources in this town, and throughout the state, are worthy of protection and, therefore, the State of New Hampshire should establish and fund a permanent public/private partnership for the voluntary conservation of these important resources?"

By Petition from the Conservation Commission.

Article 29: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$25,000 for the paving of Sunny Lane?

By Petition of Sunny Lane residents.

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 30: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$25,000 for the paving of Ridgewood and Ridgewood Point Roads?

By Petition of residents of Ridgewood and Ridgewood Point Roads.

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 31: Are you in favor of raising and appropriating \$1500 for the purchase and installation of removable speed bumps on Garnet Street between Dewey Beach and Sunapee Harbor for as long as the weather permits and as determined by the Selectmen but especially during the summer months when children are walking and bicycling to and from the beach? Since this street has areas of steep hills, blind curves, limited visibility and no sidewalks, these speed bumps would help enforce the speed limit and promote the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists.

By petition of Garnet Street residents and others.

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Given under our hands and seal this 17th day of January 2000.

Frederick C. Gallup, Chairman

William H. Chalmers

J. William Scharff

A true copy of Warrant, Attest

Frederick C. Gallup, Chairman

William H. Chalmers

J. William Scharff

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES 1/26/2000

Acct #	Acct. description	99 Voted	99 Spent	2000 Request	2000 Recom'd	% Inc
General Government						
4130	Executive	112,749	111,191	134,302	134,302	19.1%
4140	Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Elections	98,825	95,634	105,342	104,842	6.1%
4150	Finance	63,885	52,274	65,434	65,434	2.4%
4152	Assessing	7,700	5,819	10,000	10,000	29.9%
4153	Legal	21,000	11,739	21,000	21,000	0.0%
4155	Personnel Benefits not Allocated	600	650	700	700	16.7%
4191	Planning & Zoning	27,502	22,551	28,384	28,284	2.8%
4194	Buildings & Grounds	17,044	15,638	22,075	22,201	30.3%
4195	Cemeteries	13,326	11,217	14,039	14,339	7.6%
4196	Insurance not Allocated	3,800	3,577	3,800	3,800	0.0%
4197	Information Booth	8,744	7,243	10,000	10,600	21.2%
4199	Other General Government	23,434	16,048	23,434	23,574	0.6%
	Total General Government	398,609	353,581	438,510	439,076	10.2%
Public Safety						
4210	Police Department	326,357	283,993	306,701	312,936	-4.1%
4215	Ambulance Service	7,840	7,834	8,225	8,225	4.9%
4220	Fire Department	93,355	91,976	91,476	92,251	-1.2%
4290	Emergency Management	200		200	200	0.0%
	Total Public Safety	427,752	383,803	406,602	413,612	-3.3%
Public Works						
4311	Highway Department	658,488	642,769	632,454	674,380	2.4%
4316	Street Lights	36,000	30,247	36,000	36,000	0.0%
4324	Transfer Station	319,632	306,233	358,819	360,019	12.6%
	Total Public Works	1,014,120	979,249	1,027,273	1,070,399	5.5%

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES 1/26/2000

Acct #	Acct. description	99 Voted	99 Spent	2000 Request	2000 Recom'd	% Inc
Public Service						
4411	Health Officer	4,180	3,910	4,262	4,262	2.0%
4414	Animal Control	650	455	650	650	0.0%
4415	Health Services	8,177	8,177	8,419	8,250	0.9%
4442	Welfare	68,341	57,905	69,097	70,205	2.7%
4520	Recreation	67,235	59,106	75,645	74,676	11.1%
4550	Library	120,574	117,904	119,221	119,221	-1.1%
4583	Patriotic/Culture	4,950	4,037	4,950	4,950	0.0%
4611	Conservation	1,900	1,751	1,900	1,900	0.0%
	Total Public Service	276,007	253,245	284,144	284,114	2.9%
Debt Service						
4711	Debt Principal	156,028	156,028	156,441	156,441	0.3%
4721	Debt Interest	48,276	48,276	39,515	39,515	-18.1%
4723	TAN Interest	12,000	2,959	12,000	12,000	0.0%
	Total Debt	216,304	207,263	207,956	207,956	-3.9%
	Subtotal General Government	2,332,792	2,177,141	2,364,485	2,415,157	3.5%
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT						
4914	To Enterprise Funds					
	Water & Sewer					
	Water Operating	197,638	185,237	194,950	194,950	-1.4%
	Water Debt	104,452	104,452	103,952	103,952	-0.5%
	Total Water	302,090	289,689	298,902	298,902	-1.1%

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES 1/26/2000

Acct #	Acct. description	99 Voted	99 Spent	2000 Request	2000 Recom'd	% Inc
	Sewer Collection	200,890	172,885	195,005	195,005	-2.9%
	Sewer Treatment Plant	251,750	251,750	289,498	289,498	15.0%
	Sewer Debt	144,447	144,447	139,220	139,220	-3.6%
	Total Sewer	597,087	569,082	623,723	623,723	4.5%
	Total Water & Sewer Department	899,177	858,771	922,625	922,625	2.6%
	Hydroelectric Operating	56,172	34,302	70,695	71,470	27.2%
	Hydroelectric Debt	54,750	54,750			-100.0%
	Total Hydroelectric	110,922	89,052	70,695	71,470	-35.6%
	Total Special Revenue Funds	1,010,099	947,823	993,320	994,095	-1.6%
	Total Operating Budget	3,342,891	3,124,964	3,357,805	3,409,252	2.0%
CAPITAL OUTLAY						
4901	Special & Individual Articles	243,750	625,119	2,242,841	2,383,841	878.0%
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	135,000	135,000	225,000	225,000	66.7%
4916	To Expendable Trust Funds	4,200	4,200	1,500	9,000	114.3%
	Total Capital Outlay & Transfers Out	1,393,049	1,712,142	3,462,661	3,611,936	159.3%
	Total Budget	3,725,841	3,889,283	5,827,146	6,027,093	61.8%
Not Recom'd						
					51,500	
Total Budget					6,078,593	

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUE

Acct.#	Source of Revenue	1999 Estimated	1999 Actual	2000 Estimated	00 - 99 Estimated
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Tax	4,000	0	2,000	-2,000
3185	Yield Taxes	6,000	9,840	4,000	-2,000
3190	Interest & Penalties	100,000	104,295	90,000	-10,000
Licenses, Permits & Fees					
3220	Vehicle Registrations	350,000	473,283	400,000	50,000
3230	Building & Land Permits	5,000	5,447	5,500	500
3290	Licenses, Permits & Fees	27,000	31,968	26,800	-200
From State					
3351	Shared Revenue – State	55,450	32,929	32,930	-22,520
3352	NH Rooms & Meals	39,679			-39,679
3353	Highway Block Grant	77,900	60,265	77,900	0
3354	Water Pollution Grant	38,261	38,261	35,610	-2,651
3359	Sidewalk Grant	0	51,096	51,000	51,000
3359	Water Grant	6,156	6,156	6,156	0
3359	Other State Grants		127,258		0
3359	Police Safety Grant	5,000	2,944	3,000	-2,000
Intergovernmental Revenue					
3379	Springfield for T/S	55,190	55,190	63,048	7,858
Income from Departments					
3401	General Government Misc.	4,000	23,219	14,500	10,500
3401	Police Special Detail	8,000	2,088	8,000	0
3401	Recycling	9,000	12,708	10,000	1,000
3401	Water Bond From Users	1,500	1,500	1,000	-500
3401	Town Dock Rental	4,085	4,085	4,407	322
3401	Burial Income	2,000	2,150	2,000	0
3401	Office Rent/Services	3,000	0	6,000	3,000
3401	T/S Ticket Sales	35,000	32,070	31,000	-4,000

Other Charges

3409	Sale of Cemetery Lot	4,000	1,650	2,000	-2,000
3409	Sale of Highway Equipment	19,000	27,555	9,500	-9,500
3409	Sale of Cruiser	3,500		1,500	-2,000
3409	Sale of Town Property				0

Miscellaneous Revenue

3502	Interest on Investments	60,000	68,068	40,000	-20,000
3502	Rents/Leases Services				0
3502	Fines, Witness Fees	2,000	2,290	1,650	-350
3502	Donations - 38 Main Street				0
3502	Other Revenues	2,000	-506		-2,000
3502	Insurance Dividends	12,986	12,986	12,000	-986

Interfund Operating Transfers In

3914	Enterprise Fund – Sewer	722,087	672,087	743,723	21,636
3914	Enterprise Fund – Water	314,090	314,090	298,902	-15,188
3914	Enterprise Fund – Hydro	160,922	110,922	151,470	-9,452
3915	Capital Reserve Fund	167,200	200,877	39,000	-128,200
3916	Trust & Agency Funds	4,200	1,686	1,500	-2,700

Other Financing Sources

3934	Long Term Bonds & Notes	2,613,800		1,352,341	1,261,459
	Federal Grant			782,300	782,300
	Surplus to Offset Tax Rate	280,000	200,000	400,000	120,000

Total Estimated Revenue & Credits 5,202,006 2,688,457 4,710,737 -491,269

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Sunapee Calendar Year 1999

					12/31/1999
Year	Name of Trust	Begin Bal.	Deposits	Withdrawals	Balance
Non-Expendable Trust Funds					
	Various #1, Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$ 40,804.85	\$ 2,032.12	\$ 1,686.10	\$ 41,150.87
	Various #2, Student Awards	\$ 58,591.62	\$ 4,171.44	\$ 4,475.00	\$ 58,288.06
1983	Bartlett Speaking	\$ 16,391.86	\$ 901.79	\$ 585.07	\$ 16,708.58
1983	Bartlett Park	\$ 14,453.41	\$ 804.84		\$ 15,258.25
1970	Library, General	\$ 9,420.85	\$ 468.22	\$ 1,121.57	\$ 8,767.50
1972	Library, Gardner	\$ 2,741.70	\$ 141.48	\$ 241.70	\$ 2,641.48
1948	Firemen's, Knowlton, M.	\$ 13,047.28	\$ 635.64		\$ 13,682.92
1969	Firemen's, Robinson, C.B.	\$ 4,876.42	\$ 251.42		\$ 5,127.84
1987	Firemen's, Warren & Quaw	\$ 1,074.32	\$ 56.08		\$ 1,130.40
1968	Parks, Coffin, Elizabeth D.	\$ 7,296.04	\$ 403.36		\$ 7,699.40
1958	Visiting Nurse, Emerson, J.	\$ 2,489.46	\$ 115.66	\$ 640.18	\$ 1,964.94
1987	Historical Society	\$ 24,611.87	\$ 1,304.93		\$ 25,916.80
1990	Chapel, Crowther	\$ 8,129.95	\$ 382.58		\$ 8,512.53
	Total	\$ 203,929.63	\$ 11,669.56	\$ 8,749.62	\$ 206,849.57
Expendable Trust Funds					
1989	Cemetery	\$ 12,819.07	\$ 4,826.26		\$ 17,645.33
1995	Insurance Deductible	\$ 5,681.39	\$ 275.22		\$ 5,956.61
1996	Parks, Memorial Gardens	\$ 1,031.55	\$ 761.15	\$ 280.50	\$ 1,512.20
1977	Parks, Dewey Woods	\$ 1,422.81	\$ 69.03		\$ 1,491.84
1999	Abbott Library Trustees		\$ 21,136.34		\$ 21,136.34
	Total	\$ 20,954.82	\$ 27,068.00	\$ 280.50	\$ 47,742.32
Capital Reserve Trust Funds					
1984	Fire Department	\$ 127,382.00	\$ 53,760.00	\$ 82,256.25	\$ 98,885.75
1989	Highway Equipment	\$ 75,532.12	\$ 71,727.91	\$ 88,100.93	\$ 59,159.10
1991	Landfill Closure	\$ 29,837.73	\$ 619.03	\$ 30,456.76	\$ -
1993	Tax Maps	\$ 32,210.41	\$ 1,559.55		\$ 33,769.96
1997	Revaluation	\$ 24,802.06	\$ 1,199.20	\$ 63.14	\$ 25,938.12
1997	Avery Rd Garage	\$ 51,250.86	\$ 2,481.40		\$ 53,732.26
1997	Used Hwy Equipment	\$ 3,985.75	\$ 5,199.71		\$ 9,185.46
1989	School Bus	\$ 1,074.26	\$ 51.76		\$ 1,126.02
1992	School Buildings	\$ 3,851.17	\$ 25,726.12		\$ 29,577.29
1999	New Library Bld Fund		\$ 10,013.42		\$ 10,013.42
	Total	\$ 349,926.36	\$172,338.10	\$ 200,877.08	\$ 321,387.38
	Total Trust Funds	\$ 574,810.81	\$211,075.66	\$ 209,907.20	\$ 575,979.27

SUNAPEE TRUST FUNDS REPORT

During the year, the Trustees re-examined its policies and operating procedures as a means of strengthening the fulfillment of its responsibilities. Members attended an advanced seminar conducted by the Division of Charitable Trusts, Department of the NH Attorney General, and has had discussions and consultations with the Selectmen, Town Manager, Deputy Town Clerk, the Town Auditor, and others.

The Trustees have prepared a written Investment Policy, which adheres to the principles of safety, liquidity, investment return, and convenience. Highest priority is given to safety by preserving the value of the trust funds through conservative and risk adverse investments and by maintaining operating and control systems that guard against error or fraud.

The Trustees have also prepared an Operational Procedures Manual covering the establishment of new trusts, the funding of new and existing trusts, transactions for deposits, investments, withdrawals and disbursements, record keeping, reporting, and auditing. These guidelines, which have already proved to be very useful, can be updated based on experience and changes in policies, regulations, or other conditions. In effect, the Manual will provide a continuity in the operating procedures of the Trusteeship despite changes in membership.

As indicated in the accompanying financial summary, the Trust Funds fall into three groups:

- (1) Non-Expendable, which allow the expenditure of the earnings on the principle but not the principle itself, are supported by private donations,
- (2) Expendable, which allow spending of both principle and earnings,
- (3) Capital Reserve, which are appropriated at Town Meetings for community needs, supported by property taxes.

Expenditures from any Fund are made only with the formal request of the legal agent of the Trust or the Town authority.

During 1999, all of the Trust assets, with the exception of a certificate of deposit at Claremont Savings Bank, were invested in the NH Public Deposit Investment Pool (PDIP), which was established, and is operated by, the State of NH Banking Commissioner. It is planned that when the above mentioned certificate of deposit matures in 2000, the funds will be re-invested in PDIP. The latter provides exceptional safety, liquidity, internal control, and client services, with competitive rates of return.

The total assets of the Trust Funds did not change significantly during 1999 although there were appreciable withdrawals and deposits among the Capital Reserve Funds. New appropriations approved at the March 9, 1999 Town Meeting and now invested are:

Article 8: \$50,000 added to CR Fund for acquiring or refurbishing fire apparatus.

Article 9: \$70,000 added to CR Fund for highway heavy equipment.

Article 10: \$5,000 added to CR Fund for purchasing used highway equipment.

Article 11: \$10,000 for a new CR Fund for New Library Building.

Article 13: \$30,000 added to CR Fund for repair of existing Fire Department ladder truck.

Article 16: \$4,200 added to Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Trustees of the Trust Funds

Daphne Church, Chairman, Edward Epremian, Norman C. Logan

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Sunapee as of and for the year ended December 31, 1998 as listed in listed in the table of contents of the audit. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group, which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. As is the case with most

municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Town of Sunapee has not maintained a historical cost record of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Sunapee, as of December 31, 1998, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

The Unaudited Supplementary Information on page 22 of the audit is not a required part of basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and do not express an opinion on it. In addition, we do not provide assurance that the Town of Sunapee is or will become year 2000 compliant, the Town of Sunapee's year 2000 remediation efforts will be successful in whole or in part, or that parties with which the Town of Sunapee does business are or will become year 2000 compliant.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements on the Town of Sunapee taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed as schedules in the table of contents of the audit are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Sunapee. The accompanying Single Audit schedules are presented for the purposes of additional analysis as required by the U.S. Office of management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements. All such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 3, 1999 on our consideration of the Town of Sunapee's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants.

Respectfully submitted, Plodzik & Sanderson, Professional association

EXHIBIT A
TOWN OF SUNAPEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Balance Sheet
All Fund Types and Account Group
December 31, 1998

	<u>Governmental</u> <u>Fund Types</u>		<u>Fiduciary</u> <u>Fund Types</u>	<u>Account Group</u> <u>General</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>(Memorandum</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>Trust and</u> <u>Agency</u>	<u>Long-Term</u> <u>Debt</u>	<u>Only)</u>
<u>ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS</u>					
<u>Assets</u>					
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 1,858,926	\$ 1,359,268	\$ 4,333	\$	\$ 3,222,527
Investments	1,007,907	374,717	573,631		1,956,255
<u>Receivables (Net of</u>					
<u>Allowances For Uncollectibles)</u>					
Taxes	995,701				995,701
Accounts		106,415			106,415
Special Assessments - Noncurrent		440,997			440,997
Intergovernmental	116,348	32,329			148,677
Interfund Receivable	44,472	20,694			65,166
<u>Other Debits</u>					
Amount to be Provided for					
Retirement of General Long-Term Debt				3,504,134	3,504,134
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	<u>\$ 4,023,354</u>	<u>\$ 2,334,420</u>	<u>\$ 577,964</u>	<u>\$ 3,504,134</u>	<u>\$ 10,439,872</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</u>					
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Accounts Payable	\$ 2,959	\$	\$	\$	\$ 2,959
Accrued Payroll and Benefits	1,856				1,856
Contracts Payable		25,290			25,290
Retainage Payable		19,675			19,675
Intergovernmental Payable	2,278,887		35,770		2,314,657
Interfund Payable	20,694	3,871	40,601		65,166
Escrow and Performance Deposits			3,153		3,153
Deferred Revenues		437,773			437,773
Tax Anticipation Notes Payable	800,000				800,000
General Obligation Debt Payable				3,114,134	3,114,134
Accrued Landfill Postclosure Care Costs				390,000	390,000
Total Liabilities	<u>3,104,396</u>	<u>486,609</u>	<u>79,524</u>	<u>3,504,134</u>	<u>7,174,663</u>
<u>Equity</u>					
<u>Fund Balances</u>					
Reserved For Endowments			115,639		115,639
Reserved For Encumbrances	203,660				203,660
Reserved For Special Purposes			382,801		382,801
<u>Unreserved</u>					
Designated For Special Purposes		1,847,811			1,847,811
Undesignated	715,298				715,298
Total Equity	<u>918,958</u>	<u>1,847,811</u>	<u>498,440</u>		<u>3,265,209</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u>\$ 4,023,354</u>	<u>\$ 2,334,420</u>	<u>\$ 577,964</u>	<u>\$ 3,504,134</u>	<u>\$ 10,439,872</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

EXHIBIT B
TOWN OF SUNAPEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1998

	<u>Governmental</u> <u>Fund Types</u>		<u>Fiduciary</u> <u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expendable</u> <u>Trust</u>	<u>(Memorandum</u> <u>Only)</u>
<u>Revenues</u>				
Taxes	\$ 7,494,348	\$	\$	\$ 7,494,348
Licenses and Permits	452,643			452,643
Intergovernmental	461,534	776,666		1,238,200
Charges for Services	108,438	1,036,731		1,145,169
Miscellaneous	207,845	178,902	33,932	420,679
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>				
Operating Transfers In	<u>581,158</u>	<u>102,412</u>	<u>136,900</u>	<u>820,470</u>
<u>Total Revenues and</u>				
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>	<u>9,305,966</u>	<u>2,094,711</u>	<u>170,832</u>	<u>11,571,509</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>				
<u>Current</u>				
General Government	385,727	64,005	673	450,405
Public Safety	394,019			394,019
Highways and Streets	752,074			752,074
Sanitation	303,653	425,104		728,757
Water Distribution and Treatment		169,707		169,707
Health	12,069			12,069
Welfare	75,676			75,676
Culture and Recreation	54,780	110,294		165,074
Conservation	549			549
Debt Service	215,579	339,500		555,079
Capital Outlay	813,810	770,748		1,584,558
Intergovernmental	6,004,177			6,004,177
<u>Other Financing Uses</u>				
Operating Transfers Out	<u>239,312</u>	<u>91,455</u>	<u>480,803</u>	<u>811,570</u>
<u>Total Expenditures and</u>				
<u>Other Financing Uses</u>	<u>9,251,425</u>	<u>1,970,813</u>	<u>481,476</u>	<u>11,703,714</u>
<u>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and</u>				
<u>Other Financing Sources Over (Under)</u>				
<u>Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>	54,541	123,898	(310,644)	(132,205)
<u>Fund Balances - January 1</u>	<u>864,417</u>	<u>1,723,913</u>	<u>635,999</u>	<u>3,224,329</u>
<u>Fund Balances - December 31</u>	<u>\$ 918,958</u>	<u>\$ 1,847,811</u>	<u>\$ 325,355</u>	<u>\$ 3,092,124</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

BALANCE SHEET – UNAUDITED

Assets as of 12/31/99

CASH ON HAND

General Fund	\$ 2,715,350.60
Hydro Electric Fund	560,859.82
Water Dept. Funds	500,699.67
Sewer Dept. Funds	749,149.89
Misc. Other Funds	73,260.82

Funds In Custody Of Treasurer: \$ 4,599,320.80

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

PSNH	17,366.40
Due from School	9,819.02
Due from Hydro Fund- Operating Expenses	80,056.27
Due from Hydro Fund – Perkins Pond Article	74,186.49
Due from Special Recreation Fund	1,966.48
Misc. Accounts Receivable	4,350.00

Total: \$ 187,744.66

Taxes Uncollected:

Levy of 1999	569,641.99
Levy of 1998	121,803.44
Levy of 1997	58,934.51
Levy of 1996	3,368.79
Levy of 1995	2,590.40

Total: \$ 756,339.13

TOTAL AR/UNCOLLECTED \$ 944,083.79

TOTAL ASSETS/GRAND TOTAL: \$ 5,543,404.59

LIABILITIES AS OF 12/31/98:

Overpayment of Taxes	\$ 18,419.92
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Unexpended Balances:

Feasibility Study (95 Art. #32)	674.92
Highway Garage Avery Rd. (96 Art. #40)	24,540.84
Landfill Closure (98 Art. #21)	51,225.51
Town Clerk Program (98 Art. #10)	6,944.50
NHMA Electric Study (98 Art. #19)	2,638.00
Perkins Pond Sewer (98 Art. #23)	5,344.47
Town Hall Light Replacement 01-4194-95-430	1,480.00
Fire Truck Repair (99 Art. #13)	30,000.00

Due to Other Funds:

Friends of Town Hall	530.82
Bartlett Tyler Fund	36,323.80
Sunapee Center Associates	416.18
Bandstand Account	2,627.44
Conservation Commission	9,561.10
Dewey Woods Commission	3,636.65
Harbor Ridge Property Invest. Pool	2,825.60
Special Recreation Account	14,705.17
Coffin Memorial Park	236.41
Special Fund – Pistol Permits	2,397.65
Hydro Account	560,859.82
Water Department Fund	500,699.67
Sewer Department Fund	747,149.89

Due to School	2,101,360.00
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TOTAL LIABILITIES:	\$ 4,124,598.36
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FUND BALANCE (Assets vs. Liabilities):	\$ 1,418,806.23
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Fund Balance December 31, 1998	\$ 1,152,296.86
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Fund Balance December 31, 1999	\$ 1,418,806.23
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Change in Financial Condition:	\$ 266,509.37
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TREASURER'S REPORT

Ending Balance December 31, 1998

3,770,659.98

	Receipts	Expenditures
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	9,237,449.30	
Selectmen	1,298,341.16	9,951,921.11
Interest(General Fund)	68,068.35	
Miscellaneous Collection		100.45
Hydro Account	189,951.05	11,712.65
Friends of the Town Hall	14.64	
Bartlett-Tyler Fund	999.63	
Sunapee Center Association	11.28	
Bandstand Account	396.31	
Conservation Commission	7,706.64	
Dewey Woods Commission	80.84	
Harbor Ridge Property Account	77.93	
Special Recreation Account	16,831.26	9,195.10
Coffin Memorial Park	6.42	
Special Account - pistol permits	2,055.66	
Sewer Department General Fund	570,940.26	641,586.23
Sewer Department Construction Bond Acct.	54,439.67	90,478.67
Sewer Department Replacement Fund	29,180.95	16,804.93
Sewer Department Capital Improve. Fund	46,765.85	8,560.88
Sewer Department Garnet Hill Rd Project	58,474.09	53,967.83
Water Department General Fund	435,967.19	440,153.59
Water Department Capital Improve Fund	8,498.83	
Water Department Replacement Fund	10,362.78	
Water & Sewer Construction Fund	196,022.16	181,499.99

Balance on Hand January 1, 2000

4,597,320.80

FUNDS ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1999

LSB	Money Market	866,875.03
LSB	Checking	1,132.78
NH	Public Deposit Investment Pool	1,847,342.79
SRSB	Friends of the Town Hall	530.82
SRSB	Bartlett-Taylor Fund	36,323.80
LSB	Sunapee Center Association	416.18
SRSB	Bandstand Account	2,627.44
LSB	Conservation Commission	9,561.10
SRSB	Dewey Woods Commission	3,636.65
SRSB	Harbor Ridge Property Invest-Pool	2,825.60
SRSB	Special Recreation Fund	14,705.17
LSB	Coffin Memorial Park	236.41
SRSB	Special Fund - Pistol Permits	2,397.65
SRSB	Hydro Account	560,859.82
LSB	Sewer Dept. Checking Account	39,770.92
LSB	Sewer Dept. Surplus Account	52,088.73
LSB	Sewer Dept. Construction Bond Acct.	95,606.52
LSB	Sewer Dept. Replacement Fund	91,833.97
SRSB	Sewer Dept. Capital Improve. Fund	70,380.49
PDIP	Sewer Dept. Capital Improve. Fund	360,293.38
SRSB	Sewer Dept. Garnet Hill Rd Project	37,175.88
LSB	Water Dept. Checking Account	80,677.65
LSB	Water Dept. Surplus Account	309,496.73
SRSB	Water Dept. Capital Improve. Fund	53,420.11
LSB	Water Dept. Replacement Account	15,389.14
SRSB	Water Dept. Construction in Progress	41,716.04
	Balance on Hand December 31, 1998	4,597,320.80

SHOWING ANNUAL MATURATES OF OUTSTANDING LONG TERM NOTES AND BONDS

DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE	ORIGINAL AMOUNT	ISSUE DATE	MATURITY DATE	INTEREST RATE %	OUTSTANDING DECEMBER 31, 1998
Sewer Bond	\$ 1,933,000.00	1974	2001	5.00	\$ 196,500.00
Water Bond	\$ 350,000.00	1974	2001	5.00	\$ 30,000.00
Hydro-Electric Bond	\$ 1,100,000.00	1984	1999	9.50	\$ 50,000.00
Sewer Bonds	\$ 453,300.00	1986	2001	7.25	\$ 90,000.00
Sewer Construction Bonds	\$ 806,250.00	1991	2001	6.75	\$ 240,000.00
Sewer Construction Bonds	\$ 393,750.00	1991	2001	6.70	\$ 115,000.00
State Revolving Loan	\$ 469,777.00	1996	2005	2.60	\$ 341,298.00
Water Filtration Bond	\$ 783,400.00	1997	2027	5.00	\$ 771,343.00
Water Filtration Bond	\$ 1,300,000.00	1997	2027	5.00	\$ 1,279,993.00
TOTAL:					<u>\$ 3,114,134.00</u>

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The annual requirements to amortize all general obligation debt outstanding as of December 31, 1998, including interest payments, are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
1999	\$ 354,264.00	\$ 153,687.00	\$ 507,951.00
2000	\$ 307,144.00	\$ 131,983.00	\$ 439,127.00
2001	\$ 305,140.00	\$ 115,064.00	\$ 420,204.00
2002	\$ 87,759.00	\$ 102,046.00	\$ 189,805.00
2003	\$ 91,005.00	\$ 98,801.00	\$ 189,806.00
2004-2027	\$ 1,968,822.00	\$ 1,331,353.00	\$ 3,300,175.00
TOTALS	<u>\$ 3,114,134.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,932,934.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,047,068.00</u>

All debt is general obligation debt of the Town, which is backed by its full faith and credit. All debt will be repaid form general government revenues.

TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

The year 1999 offered many challenges. The most prevalent was the education funding issue. As you all know Sunapee is a town that will be sending dollars to the state to fund education. We hope all residents who qualified for the Education Property Tax Hardship Relief have applied, and the state will have your refunds in the mail within 3 months.

The dog-licensing program worked smoothly in 1999. It is required that NH Veterinarians notify the town clerk where the owner resides within 40 days of the rabies vaccination. The town clerk then notifies you if your dog has not been licensed. In accordance with RSA 466:1, all dogs 4 months or older are required to be licensed prior to April 30th of each year. Dogs not licensed prior to June 1st will be subject to a \$25.00 fine.

We appreciate your patience in getting through the new passenger license plate issue in 1999. The Director of Motor Vehicles has informed us that all other plates will be issued sometime after July 2000. Many residents have inquired about the new conservation and the seven-digit plates. As soon as information is available we will pass it along to you.

Thanks to the generous support of the voters in the Town of Sunapee, the election process has been simplified. Last year the town purchased a vote-tabulating machine. This enabled us to have town and school election results to you within an hour of the polls closing. The election officials thank you for your help in making the election procedure more manageable. This year we will conduct four elections, please remember to vote.

As we enter the new millennium the Office of Town Clerk & Tax Collector looks forward to serving you. Please call us or drop by our office with any suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty H. Ramspott
Town Clerk & Tax Collector

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Town Clerk Monies:

Remittances made to Treasurer - 1999:

Auto Registrations:	\$ 473,283.00
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Boat Registrations:	\$ 5,589.83
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Dog Licenses:

Town of Sunapee	\$ 1,612.00
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State of NH	\$ 258.50
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Dept. of Agriculture	\$ 944.00
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Vital Statistics	\$ 1,739.00
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Clerk Fees:

Auto Registrations	\$ 19,304.00
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Dog Licenses	\$ 519.00
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UCC Filings	\$ 1,259.99
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Wetland's Applications	\$ 119.00
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Vital Statistics	\$ 554.00
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Registration Refunds	\$ 142.65
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Total

Remittances:	\$ 505,324.97
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Tax Collector Monies:

LEVY OF 1999

Taxes Committed to Collector - 1999:

Property Taxes	\$ 8,070,150.80
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Yield Taxes	\$ 7,600.20
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Interest Collected on:

Property Taxes	\$ 6,172.64
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Yield Taxes	\$ 1.86
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Over Charge First Issue	\$ 207.00
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Overpayments Collected on:

Property Taxes	\$ 18,419.92
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TOTAL DEBITS

\$8,102,552.42

Remittances made to Treasurer - 1999:

Property Taxes	\$ 7,449,433.01
Yield Taxes	\$ 3,779.03
Interest on Property Taxes	\$ 6,172.64
Interest on Yield Taxes	\$ 1.86
Overpayments-Property Taxes	\$ 18,419.92

Abatements:

Property Taxes	\$ 51,282.80
Yield Taxes	\$ 3,821.17

Uncollected Property Taxes - 12/31/99	\$ 569,641.99
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TOTAL CREDITS

\$8,102,552.42

LEVY OF 1998

Uncollected - 1/1/99

Property Taxes	\$ 861,454.25
Yield Taxes	\$ 6,059.31
Interest on Property Taxes	\$ 40,499.50
Interest on Yield Taxes	\$ 1,021.44
Added Taxes	
Water,Sewer,Bond	\$ 48,966.65
Overpayments-Property Taxes	\$ 1,314.11

TOTAL DEBITS

\$ 959,315.26

Remittances made to Treasurer - 1999:

Property Taxes	\$ 859,496.25
Yield Taxes	\$ 6,059.31
Water,Sewer,Bond-W&S	\$ 29,690.19
Water,Sewer,Bond- Tax Lien	\$ 19,276.46
Interest on Property Taxes	\$ 40,499.50
Interest on Yield Taxes	\$ 1,021.44

Overpayments-Property Taxes	\$ 1,314.11
Abatements:	
Property Tax	\$ 1,958.00

TOTAL CREDITS **\$ 959,315.26**

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

1998 TAX LEVY

Taxes Sold to Town - 1999	\$ 201,928.81
Interest & Costs	\$ 4,232.45

TOTAL DEBITS **\$ 206,161.26**

Remittances Made to Treasurer - 1999

Redemptions	\$ 80,125.37
Interest & Costs	\$ 4,232.45
Uncollected - 12/31/99	\$ 121,803.44

TOTAL CREDITS **\$ 206,161.26**

1997 TAX LEVY

Uncollected - 1/1/99	\$ 165,154.92
Interest & Costs	\$ 21,854.76

TOTAL DEBITS **\$ 187,009.68**

Remittances Made to Treasurer - 1999

Redemptions	\$ 106,220.41
Interest & Costs	\$ 21,854.76
Uncollected - 12/31/99	\$ 58,934.51

TOTAL CREDITS **\$ 187,009.68**

1996 TAX LEVY

Uncollected - 1/1/99	\$ 85,650.97
Interest & Costs	\$ 29,602.45

TOTAL DEBITS \$ 115,253.42

Remittances Made to Treasurer - 1999

Redemptions	\$ 82,282.18
Interest & Costs	\$ 29,602.45
Uncollected - 12/31/99	\$ 3,368.79

TOTAL CREDITS \$ 115,253.42

1995 TAX LEVY

Uncollected - 1/1/99	\$ 2,590.40
Interest & Costs	\$ 1,216.79

TOTAL DEBITS \$ 3,807.19

Remittances Made to Treasurer - 1999

Redemptions	\$ 2,590.40
Interest & Costs	\$ 1,216.79

TOTAL CREDITS \$ 3,807.19

1999 TAX RATE COMPUTATION

TOWN PORTION

Appropriations	\$3,725,841	
Less: Revenues	\$2,438,367	
Less: Shared Revenues	\$13,156	
Add: Overlay	\$104,582	
Add: War Service Credits	\$26,900	
Net Town Appropriation		\$1,405,800
Town Tax Rate		\$3.39

SCHOOL PORTION

Due to Local School	\$4,916,360	
Less: Adequate Education Grant		
State Education Taxes	\$2,155,513	
Net School Appropriation		\$2,760,847
Local Education Tax Rate		\$6.68
State Education Taxes	\$2,735,161	
(Includes \$579,648 Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State.)		
State Education Tax Rate		\$6.74

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	\$1,149,639	
Less: Shared Revenues	\$5,086	
Net County Appropriation		\$1,144,553
County Tax Rate		\$2.77
Total Tax Rate:		<u>\$19.58</u>

Total Property Taxes Assessed:	\$ 8,046,361	
Less: War Service Credits	\$ 26,900	
Total Property Tax Commitment		\$ 8,019,461

2000- ESTIMATED TOWN PORTION OF TAX RATE

Appropriations	\$ 6,078,593	
Less: Revenues	\$ 4,709,237	
Less: Shared Revenues	\$ 13,156	
Add: Overlay	\$ 70,000	
Add: War Service Credits	\$ 27,000	
Net Town Appropriation		\$ 1,453,200
Estimated Town Tax Rate		\$3.51
(If only recommended articles are approved, estimated rate would be \$3.39)		

**SUMMARY OF INVENTORY
1999**

Value of Land Only:

Current Use	\$724,218.
Residential	\$219,847,390
Commercial/Industrial	<u>\$6,209,400</u>

Total Taxable Land:	<u>\$226,781,008</u>
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Value of Buildings Only:

Residential	\$168,757,600
Manufactured Housing	\$1,297,100
Commercial/Industrial	<u>\$10,410,000</u>

Total Taxable Buildings:	<u>\$180,464,700</u>
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Public Utilities:	<u>\$7,578,800</u>
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Valuation Before Exemptions:	<u>\$414,824,508</u>
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Exemptions:

Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities	\$36,300
Blind Exemptions	\$45,000
Elderly Exemptions	<u>\$1,186,400</u>

Total Amount of Exemptions:	<u>\$1,267,700</u>
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Net Valuation on Which the Tax Rate for Municipal, County and Local Education is Computed:	\$413,556,808
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Net Valuation without utilities on which Tax Rate for State Education Tax is Computed:	\$405,978,008
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EXEMPTIONS AVAILABLE TO RESIDENT PROPERTY OWNERS

ELDERLY EXEMPTION:

There is an exemption for those property owners who meet the following qualifications.

1. You must be at least 65 years of age on April 1st.
2. Your income cannot exceed \$13,400, if you are single, or \$20,400 if you are married. This includes Social Security and other pensions, interest, and dividends, as well as any other earnings.
3. Your net assets may not exceed \$35,000. This excludes the value of your residence.

If you are 65-74 years of age and qualify, \$20,000 is deducted from your assessed valuation.

If you are 74-79 years of age and qualify, \$30,000 is deducted from your assessed valuation.

If you are 80 years of age or older and qualify, \$40,000 is deducted from your assessed valuation.

VETERAN'S CREDIT

There is a credit for eligible Veterans and/or Widows of Veterans. The credit is \$100 and is deducted after your taxes have been calculated and prior to mailing your second half tax bill.

BLIND EXEMPTION

If you are legally blind as determined by the Blind Services Department of the Vocational Rehabilitation Division of the Education Department you may be eligible for this exemption. For this exemption, \$15,000 is deducted from your assessed valuation.

Further information, and applications for these exemptions may be obtained from the Selectmen's Office or call (603) 763-2212.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

As of December 31, 1998

	Map/Lot Property	Assessed		Insured Value	
		Value	Building	Contents	Equipment Vehicle
26/12	Town Hall, Building	243,900	220,000	50,000	
29/19	Coffin Park Land	19,300			
26/25	Library, Land & Building	172,200	250,000	500,000	
26/92	Police Department, Land & Buildings	150,300	400,000	60,000	61,725 63,642
	<u>Fire Department Land & Buildings</u>				
14/69A	Georges Mills Fire Station	60,300	67,740	20,000	
25/6	Sunapee Fire Station (building only)	99,100	130,410	40,000	187,800
25/6	Highway Department, buildings	46,000	123,165	40,000	41,880 531,500
25/6&6A	Highway, Land (Garage, Fire Station, & Ballfield)	72,000			
7/47&49	Transfer/Recycling Facility	121,400	70,000	30,000	33,800 85,500
	<u>Parks, Commons & Playgrounds:</u>				
6/1	Ski Tow	35,500			
6/9	Dewey Woods (incl.: 6/6,6/7, & 23/7)	206,800			
6/47	Bartlett-Tyler Lot	94,700			
14/40	Georges Mills Dock & Beach	352,100	20,000		
26/21	38 Main Street	14,800			
23/9	Dewey Beach (incl.: Pump Station)	481,900	96,600	1,150	
26/57	Town Docks - Sunapee Harbor	364,300	55,000	10,000	

Map/Lot	Property	Assessed		Insured Value	
		Value	Building Contents	Equipment	Vehicle
26/65	Ben Mere Park/Bandstand	47,600	35,000		
30/36	R.O.W. Burkehaven Lane	41,800			
14/59	R.O.W. Jobs Creek Road	73,000			
14/62	R.O.W. Jobs Creek Road	76,200			
	<u>Water Supply Facilities:</u>				
26/62A	R.O.W. to Reservoir	2,400			
26/90A	Pump Station - River Road	51,100	54,340	57,000	3,162
10/7-4	Municipal Water Supply Land	89,100	280,183	201,183	
10/26-1	Tank Site	239,600	84,600	4,300	
4/24-H	Harbor Hill Road (land & buildings)	1,863,400	1,546,074	121,512	
	<u>Sewer Plant & Facilities:</u>				
5/22	Treatment Plant	2,838,000	543,565	130,575	44,841
Various	Land & Pump Stations	181,500	1,026,078		58,359
26/11	<u>Hydroelectric Plant</u>	1,314,200	131,250	400,000	
Various	Dams (Otter Pond, Ledge Pond, Hydro, Reflection Pool)		190,000		
	<u>Schools, Land & Buildings</u>				
7/55	Middle/High School	2,235,100			
22/28	Playground	73,100			
22/42	Land off Lower Main Street	200			
25/4&4A	Elementary School, House, Gym	1,824,700			

Map/Lot	Property	Assessed		Insured Value	
		Value	Building	Contents	Equip. Vehicle
<u>Land & Buildings acquired through Tax Lien</u>					
1/10	Messer Road	10,800			
3/1-14&15	Penacook Path	25,800			
7/45-2	Land off Sargent Road	4,100			
7/45-5	Land off Sargent Road	21,200			
17/2	Fernwood Point Road	17,400			
<u>Cemeteries</u>					
	Land (incl.: 9/15, 9/34, 14/42B, 22/16)	29,500			
<u>All Other Town owned property and equipment</u>					
	Ledge Pond (incl.: 10/15, 11/15, 11/16, 11/21)	783,300			
	Parking Lots (incl.: 26/20, 26/22, 26/53-1)	82,000			
8/6	Webb-Flint Lot	26,200			
23/1&2	Land on Route 11	43,000			
10/44	Spaulding Property - Otter Pond	23,100			
26/10	Information Booth	45,400			
30/9	Birch Point Road	96,300			
5/56-2	Crowther Chapel	17,700	30,000	105,000	
4/21-E	Stagecoach Lane - Backland	8,200			
5/27-A	Off Route 11 - Near Treatment Plant Rd.	20,000			
8/39	Jobs Creek Road - Wooded Lot	25,700			
TOTALS		14,765,300	5,354,005	1,770,720	373,208 739,001

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT 1999

- Article 1: Officers elected on non-partisan ballot 03-9-99
- Article 2: Ballot vote. Passed.
- Article 3: Reports Heard.
- Article 4: Ballot vote. Failed.
- Article 5: Ballot vote. Failed.
- Article 6: Ballot vote. Passed.
- Article 7: Ballot vote. Passed.
- Article 8: Ballot vote. Passed
- Article 9: Ballot vote. Passed
- Article 10: Ballot vote. Passed.
- Article 11: Ballot vote. Passed.
- Article 12: Ballot vote. Failed.
- Article 13: Ballot vote. Passed.
- Article 14: Ballot vote. Passed.
- Article 15: Ballot vote. Passed.
- Article 16: Ballot vote. Passed.
- Article 17: Ballot vote. Passed.
- Article 18: Ballot vote. Failed.
- Article 19: Ballot vote. Passed.
- Article 20: Ballot vote. Passed.
- Article 21: Ballot vote. Passed.
- Article 22: Ballot vote. Passed.
- Article 23: Ballot vote. Passed.
- Article 24: Ballot vote. Passed.

ABBOTT LIBRARY REPORT
For the year ending December 31, 1999

Statistics:	1999	1998
Circulation	43,633	44,524
Patrons	20,619	20,836
Copies		12,307
		14,221
New Registrations	310	257
Internet users	755	-----
ILL requests to Abbott Library	847	765
ILL requests by Abbott Library	273	220

Collection additions:

Adult – fiction	768	610
Adult – non-fiction	274	350
Children – fiction	273	296
Children – non-fiction	144	208
Video	87	82
Audio	98	88
CD's	25	26
Equipment (cass. Player)	<u>1</u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL	1,670	1,660

Discards 575

Special Projects:

1. Using funds from the "Trust and Fine account" we purchased a second computer station to be available primarily for use with the Internet. This can also be used to access a number of other software programs and our Library Catalog can be accessed at this station.
2. In July the Library was provided with a computer station with software to assist patrons looking for job information in the State. This was provided by New Hampshire Department of Employment Security. This station has Internet capabilities, in house catalog, and word processing/resume software.

3. In July the library also subscribed to the Internet services of TURBONET. They provide us with a Frame Relay 56K service; the annual fee is \$1,500. We now have six stations that are capable of accessing the Internet.
4. The Friends of the Library have again provided the library with a subscription to W. W. Wilson's Reader's Guide at an annual cost of \$1,110.
5. In August Silver Mountain Masonry replaced the two chimneys, from the roof up.
6. As soon as the chimneys were completed, Shingle Specialists replaced the roofing. This was completed by September 1st.
7. The Friends have provided us with the funds to prepare our computers for Y2K. This meant replacing the file server, patching, replacing, and adding to various pieces of hardware and software. Our networking system has been changed from Novell to Windows NT. The cost of this project, \$4,865.
8. The Follett Circulation/Catalog Software has been upgraded to a full Windows operating system.
9. The Friends have provided the library with an outside trash receptacle in an effort to keep the grounds at the library free from debris.

Programs:

The Library Volunteer program has become a vital part of our service. The nine volunteers have given over 724 hours plus the hours spent by those working on the Book Sale, picking up boxes, sorting, storing and transporting all the boxes back to the library. This is a tremendous amount of work but has been very profitable to the Library. This year over \$1,500.00 was realized from the Book Sale.

The Abbott Library sponsors a pre-school Children's Storyhour every Thursday at 10:00 am. Lisa Bozogan conducts this program and there are approximately 12 children who attend.

The Summer Reading Program is an annual event at the Library and is open to all children, resident and non-resident.

The Library started a new program this year of purchasing a book in honor of every new baby born in Sunapee. An appropriate book is selected and placed in our collection with a nameplate stating the name and date of birth of the child. A letter is sent to the parents advising them about this book along with a borrowers card for the child. We welcome being advised of any new births and parents names.

Friends of Abbott Library Sponsored programs:

Read across America – 3/2/99 – 225 Students participated

Puppet Showcase – 4/8/99 - 225 Students

Great Myths and their influence – 4/21/99 – 15 adults

Wild herbs and their uses – 5/4/99 – 6 adults

Her Majesty and her Marionettes – 8/19/99 – 35 children and adults

Eggnog and Cookies at the Library for all our patrons – 12/20/99 & 12/22/99

Again we owe a great dept of gratitude to our Friends Group whose members do so much to serve the Library and the community.

And to our Board of Trustees, a very special thank you for the many hours donated to help the Library provide services to our town. Thank you all.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Hand, Head Librarian

ABBOTT LIBRARY TREASURE'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBR 31, 1999

INCOME:

Bal. Forward		1,940.43
Book Reimb	1,279.55	
Copier Receipts	784.2	
Fax	104	
Grants	358	
Interest Income	38.98	
NH Char. Trust Fund	84.78	
Non Res. Members	165	
Town Allotment	111,318.75	
Trust Fund Income	1,445.83	
Transfer from T & F Acct	2,900	
<u>TOTAL INCOME`</u>	118,479.09	120,419.52

EXPENSES:

FT Wages	27,624.87
PT Wages	27,262.28
Benefits	6,488.66
FICA-Medic	4,187.86
Retirement	1,153.06
Unemploy.Comp	227.23
Work Comp	290.56
Telephone	1,325.80
Internet	1,500.00
Computer	786
Xerox Lease	1,080.00
Electricity	2,371.37
Heat	431.24
Water	265.5
Sewer	197.25
Bldg. Repair	1,293.00
SIS	264
Insurance	1,157.35
Trng / Mtgs	70
Printing	450
Advertising	80.6
Memberships	150
General Supplies	4,620.03
Postage	803.98
Maint & Repair	316.68
Buildings	4,822.97
Office Equipment	4,336.05
Collections Materials	26,465.00

TOTAL EXPENSES

120,021.34

ENDING BALANCE

398.18

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

During the year 1999, the Sunapee Fire Department responded to 260 calls, which include both fire and EMS.

No major incidents occurred in 1999. This confirms that Sunapee's fire prevention is working well.

The new fire truck was delivered in April. The budget allowed for a new computer system with software, which is in place. This system will enable us to accurately track all calls and help to keep our records organized.

A trailer was donated to the Fire Department in February. With the additional donation of time and materials from the citizens of Sunapee, a meeting room is now available, along with a larger radio room. This will provide adequate space for a number of people if a major incident was to occur.

Our ladder truck was sent out for repairs in November.

Below is a summary of the runs made by the Fire Department and EMS:

6	Water Problems	2	Oil Spills
55	Car Accidents	5	Smoke Investigations
3	Car Fires	6	Good Intent Calls
25	Fire Alarm Activations	2	Water Rescues
14	Mutual Aid Calls	5	Brush Fires
125	Medical Calls	7	Wires Down
2	Carbon Monoxide Calls	3	Structure Fires

We are very appreciative of the people who support our department.

Please continue to dial 911 for all emergency calls, and remember, smoke detectors save lives. Please check your detectors once a month to be sure they are operational.

Respectfully submitted,
The Board of Engineers
Daniel Ruggles, Chief
Duane Abbot, Deputy Chief
Dana Ramspott, Deputy Chief
David Williams, Deputy Chief.

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST FIRE RANGER

To aid you Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out is a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Fire permits are required for any open burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow where the burning will be done. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are eleven Forest Ranges who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. During the 1999 season Forest Rangers were busy assisting communities with suppression of difficult and remote multi-day fires. Forest Rangers have also investigated numerous complaints regarding violations of the timber haves and forest fire laws, and taken enforcement action to ensure compliance. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Wardens throughout the State. Each Town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The 1999 fire season was a challenging but safe year for wildland firefighters in New Hampshire. The severe drought conditions throughout the spring and summer months combined with residual effects of the 1998 Ice Storm, resulted in a dramatic increase in wildland fires. In addition to burning in excess of 452 acres, 35 structures were almost impacted by wildfire. Wildland fires in the urban interface are a serious concern for both landowners and firefighters. Homeowners can help protect their structures by maintaining adequate green space around them and making sure that houses are properly identified with street numbers.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols, and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local Fire Departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

Please contact your local Fire Department before doing ANY outside burning.
REMEMBER ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!!

1999 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru December 10, 1999)

FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY

	<u>#s</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Belknap	139	66
Carroll	81	17
Cheshire	131	28
Coos	18	3.25
Grafton	70	18
Hillsborough	271	50
Merrimack	213	115
Rockingham	218	111
Strafford	98	26
Sullivan	62	17
<u>Total</u>	<u>Fires</u>	<u>Acres</u>
1999	1301	452.28
1998	798	442.86

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Debris Burning	352
Miscellaneous*	279
Smoking	188
Children	176
Campfire	161
Arson/Suspicious	54
Equipment Use	43
Lighting	42
Railroad	6

*Miscellaneous-powerlines, fireworks structures, OHRV

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas C. Miner, Forest Ranger
Daniel Ruggles, Forest Fire Warden

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

During 1999 the police department responded to calls for service that included motor vehicle accidents, fire and medical calls, domestic violence issues, thefts, vandalism, juvenile issues, and other daily duties that required our services for the general public. During certain incidents we also received assistance from other local police agencies that included the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department, N. H. State Police, New London Police, Newbury Police, and the Sullivan County Attorney's Office. We extend our sincere thanks to all the agencies that helped us with our duties throughout the year.

Police training is a constant process of re-certification and instruction in areas such as firearms, domestic violence, intoxilyzer operator, use of force issues, and general updates and changes in criminal and motor vehicle laws. There is a mandatory minimum eight hours of in-service training for each officer every year in order to maintain police certification. During 1999 Sunapee police officers received training in areas that included emergency response to terrorism, handcuffing, ice rescue, incident command, domestic violence, emergency medical, car seat inspection and certification, traffic control, prosecution, internet crime, warrants and complaints, and basic computer crime.

A new computer system was installed at the police department that included five networked terminals. This badly needed new system replaced a series of mixed individual workstations and now provides us a more effective and efficient way to complete and retrieve our reports and documentation.

Two new officers were hired during the year. Catherine C. (Casey) Laurie was hired as police sergeant. Sergeant Laurie comes to Sunapee Police Department with thirteen years police experience that includes patrol, juvenile, prosecution, and is a D.A.R.E. certified officer. Sgt. Laurie will be our next D.A.R.E. instructor at the Sunapee Elementary School fifth grade class. We all wish her the best of luck and success in her new position. The next position was a police patrolman vacancy. Richard D. Kelley, Jr. was hired to fill this opening. Patrolman Kelley came to the Sunapee Police Department as a certified part-time officer having received experience and training during his employment with the Newport Police Department. Patrolman Kelley is a graduate of Sunapee High School and attended Castleton State College. He attended the full-time police academy in 1999 as a Sunapee officer and is scheduled to receive his full-time certification at the graduation ceremony on January 14, 2000 at the Police Standards and Training Facility, Concord, N.H. We also wish Patrolman Kelley a successful career in police service.

Some of you may have noticed the re-appearance of retired police officer Kenneth (Biff) Ranney at the boat-launching ramp during the busy Sunapee Harbor weekends. Biff was hired as a civilian police employee to assist the boating public with their launching needs as well as general assistance to the public in the harbor area during weekend activities. I received many positive comments from citizens who expressed their favor in having Biff back in town again, and for his talent in communicating with the public. I hope to have him return for the 2000 summer season!

We have again received several highway safety grants and utilized them during the year. A sixty hour block for both D.W.I. apprehension and a radar enforcement patrol was conducted during the spring and summer months. These four to six hour patrols gave extra coverage during times when needed and they were focused in areas where traffic related concerns have been expressed. A \$1,500.00 grant was received that allowed the purchase of child passenger safety seats. These car seats are part of an on-going program through the police department in which persons who need these car seats are provided one free of charge and they include seats for infant, child and booster seats. Anyone interested in obtaining a car seat may contact the police department and we will assist you in acquiring one. Secretary Dawn Famiglietti is a certified child

passenger safety specialist who will provide training in the proper installation, use, and selection of proper size seat for your child or grandchild.

This year Secretary Famiglietti and I assisted the Sunapee Elementary School with the fingerprinting of all first graders and new students. These fingerprint files are retained at the school and stored in the child's file. We have a great deal of fun with the children while doing this and it also shows the children the importance and uses of fingerprints. This is a program I started several years ago and have continued each year.

The Sunapee Police Benevolent Association received a very generous donation from a local source that has allowed us to purchase several items at no expense to the public. Three digital still cameras and one digital video camera were purchased to aid us with documentation of accident scenes, domestic violence cases, and crime scenes. We also purchased a Honda motor scooter to use during the summer months in the harbor area and other in town areas that include Dewey Beach, Lake Avenue, Burkehaven Hill, and all parking lots. This was also paid for by our association through private donations that we have received. There are additional funds available for other future needs that will help us do our jobs better and save the town the expense of these purchases.

Finally, I would like to thank all of my officers for their support during the year and their dedication to the department and the town of Sunapee. We also receive assistance from all town departments from time to time during the year and are fortunate to have a good working relationship with each other. The residents of Sunapee should feel confident and secure in knowing they have a very good pool of public employees who are devoted to their community.

Respectfully submitted,
Alan J. Soucy, Chief of Police

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

This is the closing report on the "Ice Storm of 98". Except for the remnants of brush in our back yards, I am glad to announce that it is finally behind us. I know we have all experienced cooperation and the true meaning of what it means to live in a small New England town. While we resumed our daily lives and put the winter and ice of the season behind us, there was still a tremendous amount of record keeping and follow up reports to deal with. Working with the State of New Hampshire and FEMA always proves to be a learning experience.

The assistance received from the State and Federal Agencies consisted of the use of the National Guard and reimbursement of expenses pertaining to the direct cost of the “Ice Storm”. The many volunteers and help from the Red Cross, as well as every other group or business that went out of their way to assist, are by no means forgotten. With the consent of the Board of Selectman, the help of the Town Office personnel and help from the Road Agent, I was able to complete the work required to allow the Town of Sunapee to receive the eligible reimbursement. (The final payment was received on September 13, 1999)

Disaster Assistance Claim for the Town of Sunapee
FEMA-1199-DR-NH

Total Eligible Claim:	\$157,797.00
Total Actual Cost:	\$157,797.00
Federal Share	\$118,348.00
State of NH Share	\$ 19,725.00
Town of Sunapee	\$ 19,725.00

Respectfully submitted,
Howard G. Sargent, Emergency Management Director

SULLIVAN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Our organizational Mission Statement states: *The Sullivan County Economic Development Council (SCEDC) is committed to the continuous creation of meaningful employment opportunities and the increasing of local property tax revenues within Sullivan County’s 15 communities. In support of this mission, the Council will pursue economic growth and diversification – as well as advocacy positions on issues affecting these pursuits.*

Economic Development can be defined as a series of planned activities designed to assist and encourage positive investment in a community and region. A primary activity of SCEDC is to create a positive environment for new private investment. To this end, the Council has begun several efforts this past year. Recognizing that Sullivan County’s attributes and resources are not well recognized, the Council sponsored an all day *Sullivan County Economic Summit* whose purpose was to spot light the County’s many assets. Over 100 businesspeople, local officials, educators and state development officials attended the *Summit*. The consensus of the Summit was that SCEDC, in cooperation with local development corporations, should market the County’s resources to growing companies in the Hanover – Lebanon and Keene areas who may be considering a plant expansion. We have met with companies from these areas who have expressed an interest in Sullivan County. The *Summit* provided

the momentum for the implementation of several action items. Sullivan County has a real friend in Dr. Robert Dean – an entrepreneur, innovator and businessman who has created five companies in the Hanover – Lebanon area. He is very supportive in these efforts!

The Council believes strongly that the existing companies provide the most opportunity for new employment opportunities. Therefore, through the Business Visitation Program (BVP), we continue to meet with several local businesses in order to become acquainted with their concerns so we may be of assistance.

The NH Office of Business and Industrial Development is the primary contact for companies who seek to expand or locate in New Hampshire. We organized three meetings with representatives from OBID as part of an effort to “sell the sellers” who are responsible for promoting New Hampshire. SCEDC is working with our communities so that we will be an attractive location for new investment. As a result, OBID has a better appreciation and understanding of our attributes – sites, buildings, labor force, and the community itself!

Financing is a key component in fostering economic development. To this end, SCEDC has developed cooperative relationships with financing institutions such as local and statewide banks, the NH Business Finance Authority and related development corporations. SCEDC has structured a few deals in 1999 and is working to do more in 2000! Please let us know of potential financing opportunities that can lead to job creation in Sullivan County.

SCEDC believes it is important to encourage communities who are seeking economic development to establish a local economic development corporation or committee. SCEDC is assisting the established groups in the following manner:

- Charlestown Economic Development Association – Assisting with a US Department of Agriculture community loan application; assisting with a development strategy for the Stoddard property; managing the lease purchase arrangement with Optical Solutions Inc.
- Claremont Industrial Development Authority – Assisting in marketing vacant industrial sites and buildings; contacting companies in other areas regarding opportunities in Sullivan County; identifying financing options for new businesses; provided financing to small start up business.
- Economic Corporation of Newport - Assisting the Community Development Director with the restoration of the Eagle Block; providing administrative assistance to ECON; supplementing ECON's development program.

- All communities, both large and small, benefit in some way from having the Sullivan County Economic Development Council engaged in an ongoing development effort. As has been mentioned in the past, "A rising tide lifts all boats."

A representative of the Council would like to meet with your town or development organization to explore development opportunities. Please call us at 1-800-783-8213 or 543-1298.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerald I. Coogan,
Executive Director

J. Cheston M. Newbold,
President

UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) is a voluntary association of 26 New Hampshire and 3 Vermont communities. The Commission is concerned with the development of comprehensive plans for beneficial and balanced economic, environmental, and social growth throughout the Region. It functions as a research, resource, and informational agency and, when appropriate, acts to obtain Federal, State, and other approvals, grants-in-aid, loans, and similar assistance for individual member Towns and for the Region. The Commission Provides technical assistance to member communities in the areas of planning (land use, transportation, water quality, etc.), reviews of local development applications, mapping, community development, grantsmanship, and grant administration. In addition, ongoing regional initiatives, such as our regional transportation planning program and household hazardous waste collections, and special regional projects, including the Lake Sunapee and Connecticut River Scenic Byway Studies, the Cold River watershed planning study, the Connecticut River boater education project, and the community-based inventory of cultural and natural resources were undertaken to the benefit of more than one community.

Thanks are due to both the Vermont and New Hampshire legislatures for their continued support. Our Commission has enjoyed close collaboration with the Economic Development Corporation of the Upper Valley, Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation, and the Upper Valley and Quechee chambers of commerce, and looks forward to a continued productive partnership.

In the past year, services such as our Planning Board training series and library, which features maps, planning resources and US Census data, were utilized by a

large number of the Region's residents, local officials, board members, citizens groups, prospective businesses, and other non-profit organizations.

In 1999, some examples of our work specifically for the Town of Sunapee included:

- ❖ Digitized zoning district boundaries and produced GIS map.
- ❖ Continued work with local groups in Town to finalize list of important natural and cultural resources, which was submitted to the NH Land and Cultural Heritage Commission.
- ❖ Organized two regional workshops on the National Flood Insurance Program for local officials responsible for implementing the program.
- ❖ Prepared an index of zoning standards and provisions for NH communities in the region.
- ❖ Organized a household hazardous waste collection day for Sunapee residents.
- ❖ Drafted a rivers and streams overlay protection district.
- ❖ Completed a community assistance visit for the Federal Emergency Management Agency on the National Flood Insurance Program.

Our Commission appreciates Sunapee's participation and support, and we look forward to serving the community in the coming year.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

This time around, as a millennial favor to the taxpayers, and as just one of many New Year's resolutions, I am going to make this the shortest Commission report since I began writing them back in 1991. Anyone who is interested probably knows what we do anyway. It doesn't vary much from year to year, and a quick survey of our past reports will fill you in on the details in case you have forgotten, or if you're new in town. You know who your Commissioners are, and you know how to find us.

Our mandate, in brief, is to look after the Town's various natural resources: its lakes, its ponds, its river, its streams, its wetlands, and its several town-owned tracts, both cleared and forested. We work in conjunction with Town, State, and Federal bodies, and with several privately-run organizations. Our chief function in these matters is to see to it that the pertinent laws are observed and enforced. The great majority of citizens are cooperative and responsible, though the occasional scofflaw requires our particular attention.

During the past two or three years, the Commission has become increasingly concerned about the threat of uncontrolled development in our area, and the need

to preserve our town's rural character. We have all seen many examples in New Hampshire of the kind of insidious, creeping change that most Sunapee people do not wish to see here. As your Commissioners, we are studying every reasonable means of setting aside protected open spaces in our town, - spaces which will either be left untouched in perpetuity, or put to strictly public recreational use. We encourage all taxpayers who share our concerns to share their views and their ideas with us. In order to protect land, it must first be acquired, either by means of tax money or through philanthropic initiatives. We need your constructive input; and on voting days, in 2000 and probably thereafter, we will be needing your generous understanding and support.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Burdett for the Sunapee Conservation Commission

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

16	Sub-surface Septic Test Holes and Design Reviews	91	Hours
2	Sub-division Soil and Percolation Tests	19	"
6	Sub-surface Leaching System Tests	21	"
4	Water Quality Tests	11	"
1	Air Quality Investigation	4	"
10	Foster or Day Care Examinations	29	"
2	Restaurant Health & Food Inspection	5	"
7	Failing or Suspected Leaking Septic Examinations	47	"
1	Animal Bite Occurrences	2	"
6	Rental Housing Examinations and Complaints	26	"

Total Hours		255	

Respectfully submitted,
John W. Wiggins, Heath Officer

DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

1	Day Care Health Inspections	2	Hours
2	Sub-surface Septic Test Holes	4	"
1	Sub-surface Septic Failure Tests	2	"

Total Hours		8	

Respectfully submitted,
Michael G. Dashner, Deputy Health Officer

1999 PLANNING/ZONING PERMITS

CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE

Total Applications	78
Additions to Existing Homes	28
Garages, Storage Buildings, Pools	23
New Single-Family Homes	15
Replacement of Existing Homes	5
Manufactured Homes/Mobile Homes	3
Signs	2
Municipal Structures	1
Commercial	1
Two-Family/Multi-Family	0

PLANNING BOARD

Total	Approved	Pending Requests	Withdrawn	
Subdivisions	14	13	1	0
Site Plans	6	5	1	0
Mergers	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Cases	<u>27</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>

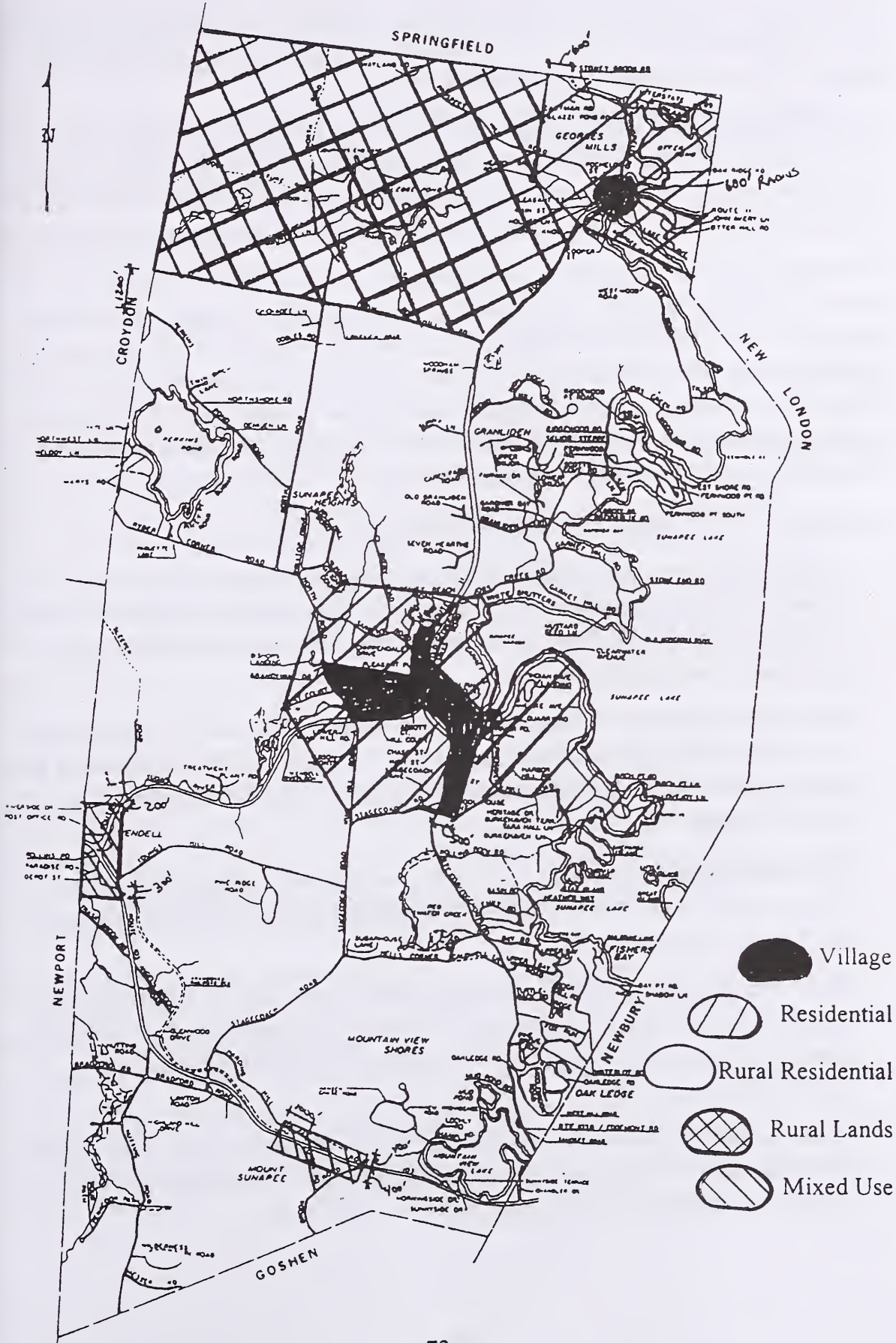
ZONING BOARD

	Total	Approved Requests	Denied	Withdrawn
Special Exceptions	18	14	4	0
Variances	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
Total Requests	<u>25</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>

OTHER PERMITS

Tree Cutting Requests (within 150' of a Great Pond):	
Number of Requests/Number of Trees	21/48
Driveway Permits:	11
Erosion Control/Land Disturbance:	13

Sunapee Proposed Zoning Districts Updated November 30, 1999



PLANNING BOARD REPORT

This year the Planning Board has submitted a proposed Use Zoning Ordinance for your consideration. The goal of Use Zoning is to protect the rural character of Sunapee while allowing for controlled growth.

Presently, our Zoning Laws regulate only lot sizes, setbacks, dwelling density, and Wetlands. If a land owner meets these limited requirements, then the land owner may use his or her land for any purpose. Legally, a fast food restaurant or steel mill could be built next to your home; there are no ordinances prohibiting it.

Under the proposed Use Zoning Ordinance, the Town would be divided into 5 Districts: Village, Mixed Use, Residential, Rural-Residential and Rural Lands. Each District would have Uses that are Allowed By Right and Uses Allowed By Special Exception. Uses Allowed By Right would require only the present Site Plan Review in order to open or expand a business. Uses Allowed by Special Exception would have to pass ZBA review as to appropriateness and impact on the neighborhood, in addition to the customary Site Plan Review.

In general, the five Districts can be described as follows:

Village District - This includes two areas, one in Sunapee Harbor and the Lower Village and another in Georges Mills. The areas are characterized by the highest density land use with a permitted mix of commercial, public, institutional and residential uses.

Mixed Use District - Two areas, one surrounding Wendell Village (junction RT. 103 and 11) and the other around the intersection of RT. 103, Brook Rd. and Cross Rd. Permitted uses would be commercial, light industrial and tourist lodging.

Residential District - There is a residential area surrounding each of the Village areas. It is primarily contains medium density residential housing and home-based businesses.

Rural Residential - Encompasses the largest Town area. It is characterized primarily by low density housing, home-based businesses and low-impact commercial uses, including planned campus-like professional office developments.

Rural Lands - This District is located in the Northwest corner of the Town and contains with very low density housing (3 acre lots). Permitted Uses include recreational, farming and forestry operations.

Under the proposed Ordinance, any lawful Existing Uses would be grandfathered, regardless of District and also permitted to grow by 50%. Home Occupations, defined as an individual working out of his/her home, would be Permitted By Right in all districts.

The Planning Board believes Use Zoning can be a key element in protecting the beauty and tranquility of the Town. A vote for Use Zoning will help keep Sunapee a wonderful place in which to live.

Respectfully Submitted,
Peggy Chalmers, Chairman

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

At this year's Town Meeting, the Town will vote on the first "major" changes in its Zoning Ordinance since it was adopted in 1987 – so called "Use Zoning". (See Proposed Amendment #1.) The Zoning Board of Adjustment urges all citizens to give this Amendment your careful consideration, and we recommend, your favorable vote. Use Zoning is the next step which we believe the Town should take to bring its Zoning Ordinance into agreement with the community's desires as expressed in the 1992 survey of "Where Sunapee is and Where it Should Be Headed". It also brings us into a position consistent with that of neighboring Towns, in the face of possible significant growth in the next decade or so.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment's mission is to provide relief from land use laws when necessary and appropriate. The process begins when a citizen completes an application for a Certificate of compliance for a building permit. If the proposed project does not meet the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance, the Zoning Administrator will advise the applicant that he or she must modify the project to comply, or appeal to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a Variance or Special Exception.

Governed by carefully crafted State and Local guidelines, the Zoning Board of Adjustment holds public hearings to determine whether to grant or deny requests for Special Exceptions or Variances. Special Exceptions are part of the Zoning Ordinance and set forth specific conditions under which relief from a particular restriction may be granted. Variances are appeals for relief from all of the other restrictions in the Ordinance not covered by Special Exceptions. There are five criteria that must be satisfied before the Board can grant a Variance.

The Board consists of five elected members, and up to four appointed alternates who serve when members are absent. Members and alternates spend significant time preparing for hearings, visiting sites, participating in meetings and attending the Spring and Fall Law Lecture series in order to stay abreast of the latest changes and interpretations of the land use laws.

During 1999, there were 78 applications for **Certificates of Compliance** (building permits), and of these 24 were brought before Zoning Board of Adjustment. Seventeen cases were approved; these included fourteen Special Exceptions and three Variances. Three requests for Variances and four requests for Special Exceptions were denied.

The Zoning Board needs more members. Please volunteer your services. Remember, good government starts with citizen involvement. Please call Mr. Marquise or Mr. Wheeler at the Town office for more information.

Respectfully submitted,
William J. Price, ZBA Chairman

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

The winter of 98-99 was generally mild with average snowfall. There were two snow events in November and five snow events in December. The weather changed dramatically in January producing over a dozen storms. While we received about 30" of snow, almost 6" of it was sleet plus there was over 4" of rain. February was more of the same with eight storms yielding only about 15" of accumulation. March had seven events with 31" of snow. Because of all the sleet and rain, which became ice, we used more sand than ever, almost 7000 tons! A normal winter is between 3500 and 4000 tons.

With the arrival of spring in April, we had the pleasure of sweeping up the sand we had spread during the winter. We started a light grading of the gravel roads in April and continued this into May. Also during May, we cleaned all the catch basins, which contained mostly winter sand. Near the middle of the month, the pavement overlay was performed on Trow Hill Road, the first of this year's program. Near the end of the month we started grading rolling and treating the gravel roads. This operation continued into June.

During June we shimmed Main Street in conjunction with the sidewalk reconstruction near Hames Park. We also rebuild the parking lot across from the Odd Fellows Building (the Laundromat). All the cross walks were repainted this month, as were some of the parking stalls. At the end of the month, the paved portion of Perkins Pond Road was reclaimed.

At the beginning of July, we received a short-lived, but severe windstorm that resulted in many trees being blown down. Roadside mowing was done this month. The required (by subdivision regulations) paving of Coventry Drive was accomplished and funded by the developer. The reclaimed Perkins Pond Road was repaved as part of the overlay program, as was North Road, from Ryder Corner Road to Trow Hill Road. Shimming was done on School Street and Lake Ave in Georges Mills. Shimming was started on Nutting Road and Bradford Road. This shimming was completed in August, as well as Messer Road.

In September, we continued drainage (culvert replacement) work, which we had been doing most of the year. We also did grader and backhoe ditching. We received two tropical storms this month. The second storm was a hundred year event that washed out a beaver dam. The debris, plus the excess water, clogged and washed out the two bridges on Avery Road, just beyond the Transfer Station. We made temporary repairs to allow the residents access to their homes. Due to deterioration from normal use, and accelerated by the storms, we had to grade all the gravel roads. We also striped centerlines on approximately 10 miles of road.

In October, we continued road grading and drainage work. We rebuilt the first bridge on Avery Road and increase its volume by 50%, even though the bridge had worked previously in a hundred year event. We stockpiled our winter sand and graveled shoulders on the roads that were overlaid. In November, we rebuilt the second bridge on Avery Road. We then started grader ditching to remove fallen leaves. This operation continued until the middle of December, when we received our first plowable snow.

Should you have any questions regarding highway operations or procedures, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Submitted by,
J. Anthony Bergeron, Road Agent

TRANSFER STATION REPORT

1999 saw a decrease in the amount of trash hauled to the Claremont incinerator. Tonnage dropped from 1524 tons to 1426 tons, a decrease of 6.4%. There was an increase of 16.6% of the non-combustible, non-recyclable trash hauled to the Bethlehem landfill, from 779 tons to 908 tons. We also had a modest increase of 3.5% in recyclables, from 661 tons to 684 tons. The combined total of trash processed at the Transfer Station rose from 2963 tons in 1998 to 3019 tons in 1999, an increase of 1.9%.

During the decade of the 90's, the volumes of trash have risen faster than the growth of population. The combustibles sent to the Claremont incinerator have increased approximately 200 tons or 15%. There also was a 200-ton increase in recyclables, which represents a 40% increase. However, the most significant increase was in the non-recyclable, non-combustible category, which is sent to the Bethlehem landfill. The increase was 400 tons or 80%. The overall increase was approximately 800 tons or 35%. Operating costs have increased about 11% during the decade.

Should you have any questions regarding operations or procedures, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Anthony Bergeron, Road Agent

SUNAPEE FACILITY DECALS

A decal is necessary to gain access to Dewey Beach, Georges Mills Beach and the Transfer Recycling Station. The decals expire each October 1st, and are available at the Town Hall Selectmen's Office. All Sunapee Taxpayers are entitled to one decal for each vehicle, when the registration is presented. All Sunapee residents are entitled to a decal when a rent receipt or lease agreement, along with the vehicle registration is presented. The decals should be placed on the driver's side front bumper. The registration number on the decal must match the vehicle's plates. Temporary decals are available for short term renters and out of town contractors. Springfield residents, who also use the transfer station, have decals, which are issued from the Springfield Town Office.

Beginning October 1, 1995, the Board of Selectmen instituted a fee for any materials placed in the open-top container. The tickets necessary for placing materials in this container are available at the Selectmen's Office. Brochures explaining the fee schedule and the materials covered are also available at the Selectmen's Office.

TRANSFER/RECYCLING STATION HOURS

Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday

8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Sunday

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Closed Tuesday and Wednesday

The Town of Sunapee adopted an Ordinance at the Annual Meeting March 12, 1985 (amended March 1989 and 1990) covering our Transfer/Recycling Facility. Copies are available at the Town Office.

NH/VT SOLID WASTE PROJECT REPORT

The Project offices greeted 1999 in offices located at 130 Pleasant Street in Claremont. This move provided cost savings as well as updated facilities and better parking.

As we did in 1998, every effort was made to keep the tipping fee low, which again worked to discourage diversion of waste from our communities. The collective efforts of all Project representatives resulted in the delivery of approximately 49,700 tons to the Claremont Incinerator. The continuing efforts of both the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District and Southern Windsor/Windham counties solid Waste Management District to responsibly address their responsibilities for solid waste management and disposal have benefited us all.

Both the short- and long-term planning efforts begun in 1998 continued throughout 1999. We are still faced with lack of capacity at the ash landfill because it will be full in early 2001, and a decision on whether to close the facility and pay the additional cost of transporting the ash to an alternative landfill or to construct some type of expansion needs to be made in the immediate future.

The Project continued its efforts to solicit all ideas and concepts in order to make the best possible decisions with regard to the future of the landfill, ash disposal options through 2007 and consideration of the future of the Project after the Waste Disposal Agreement expires in 2007. As part of this effort, proposals were solicited from the general public as well as the waste industry. Each person who submitted a proposal was given an opportunity to make a presentation to the Joint Meeting to ensure that all ideas were fully understood.

This process took us into the fall and resulted in the decision to finish the process with the assistance of a professional facilitator as well as a recommendation that the issues under consideration be divided into two tracks. A final decision on the facilitator(s) is anticipated in early 2000, and the facilitator is anticipated to be used to address the long-term planning considerations, while the Joint Meeting will address the short-term issue of the landfill reaching capacity in the short-term. In November the Joint Meeting decided to use an anonymous ballot vote to identify the top three preferences of a majority of representatives based upon all the options presented to date. The results of the poll indicate the following:

1. Transfer Property to Wheelabrator
2. Lateral Expansion of the Landfill
3. Vertical Expansion of the Landfill

On the legislative front, there were several bills introduced in the NH Legislature that affected the Project and/or the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District, while activity affecting the Project in the Vermont Legislature was fairly quiet. Among the most noteworthy were the mercury bill, establishment of a committee to study the NH District, and a bill introduced by the Town of Newport to remove the ash landfill's exemption from local land use controls as a result of its municipal ownership.

The mercury bill received a large amount of attention from the Project office and many individual representatives because it poses significant cost implications to both Districts. Every effort was made with the assistance of Senator Disnard (Claremont) and Senator Johnson (Meredith) to ensure that State funds were included so that the bill did not create an unfounded mandate for the NH communities. This effort will continue through this legislative session as the bill has gone to a conference committee between the House and Senate to reconcile differences in the versions passed by each. If successful in maintaining funding for the NH communities, this will avoid an expense, which could potentially exceed \$866,000 for capital costs and tens of thousands of dollars in annual operating and maintenance expenses required by the retrofit through 2007. As you can see, the impacts are potentially significant and the continuing assistance and support of the Towns and representatives is greatly appreciated.

Representative Tuthill (Acworth) introduced several bills in the NH Legislature, which were harmful to the common interests of the Project. Only one of Representative Tuthill's bills passed and that was a bill that created a legislative committee to study the organizational, financial, and environmental impacts of the Sullivan County Regional Refuse disposal District on Sullivan County. This committee is comprised of Representatives Patten, Leone, and Foster, as well as Senators Disnard, Johnson, and Below. Given the scope of the task, the committee chair, Representative Patten, is seeking authorization for an extension to file a report. This committee has held several meetings in Concord as well as a public forum in Claremont, and has received voluminous materials from many interested parties. If you would like more information on this committee, please feel free to contact the Project offices at (603) 543-1201.

Discussions with the Town of Newport are continuing in an effort to address the concerns of the community hosting the ash landfill with regard to future uses of

the site. The Town of Newport adopted a zoning ordinance and land use regulations at their last Town Meeting, which address solid waste facilities. The only litigation involving the Project in 1999 was a lawsuit filed by Newport Representative Peter Franklin seeking access to confidential information under the NH “right to know law” (RSA 91-A), which provides access to public records to members of the public. Unfortunately, this issue has escalated because of efforts by Mr. Franklin’s attorneys to raise questions on whether the Project’s collective activities are controlled by the Joint Meeting or independently by the individual districts. As many of you may recall, this issue with regard to budget authority was settled through an arbitration between the two districts several years ago and confirmed that the Joint Meeting is the body which holds the collective authority to govern the Project. It is hoped that a decision by the Executive Committee establishing controls on access by Mr. Franklin to confidential information will resolve this case, thereby avoiding further litigation or the potential need for another arbitration.

The FY2000 budget was adopted by the Joint Meeting in the amount of \$3,587,983. This budget allows the tipping fee to remain competitive at \$66.88 per ton, effective January 1, 2000. The southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District voted to adopt a budget, which included an additional \$2/per ton surcharge to generate funds for District specific activities including household hazardous waste collection. As of the writing of this report, the Sullivan County Regional Refuse disposal District has yet to adopt an annual budget. The VT District tipping fee will go into effect on March 1, 2000 for waste delivered from its member communities.

As 1999 draws to a close, we continue to enjoy active participation in district and executive committee meetings. The future decisions made by the Joint Meeting will undoubtedly be made stronger by this public involvement and community input.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary E. S. Williams, Project Director

WELFARE REPORT

Even during this period of economic boom, with unemployment low, the stock market climbing, and startup businesses at a record high, there are unemployed persons, for a variety of reasons, and there is poverty. There are many underlying causes for these realities. Our task, within the programs of Sunapee

Welfare Department, is not to examine those situations, but to provide at least temporary assistance to our residents affected by them.

The year 1999 continued to be a busy year for us, and a considerable number of people contributed time, special efforts, and funds to help in our work. The generous budget the taxpayers of Sunapee provides most often meets its match in the need of those of our residents facing unfortunate circumstances in their lives.

As do many other areas, we continued to be plagued by the results of business and industrial downsizing, a lack of year-round, local employment opportunities, a notable absence of transportation, and serious social ills including divorce and abandonment, domestic abuse, alcohol and drug use, and an absence of affordable housing.

Last year started off in a strange way, as I entered the hospital for serious heart surgery, and missed performance of some of my duties for at least six weeks. It took the combined efforts of Town Manager, John Wheeler, Bookkeeper, Lynne Wiggins, and, primarily, secretary Catherine Bressette to keep things going. Assists were always forthcoming, too, from Eileen Stiles and Betty Ramspott in the office of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

Upon my return in late February, I could see that with their excellent judgment, and a constant stream of telephone communication with me, the welfare program had, indeed, kept its head above water and was still able to meet our mandated challenge of "helping those in need in our community."

Throughout the year, we assisted more than 100 clients with basic necessities, such as food, shelter, and utilities, and other needs including clothing, medical care, transportation, and job seeking. Through an ongoing program of keeping track of other opportunities, such as social security, state assistance programs, and job trainings, I am able to play the role of advocate for our clients, connecting them with new ways to remove their reliance on our assistance alone.

Most of our clients have proven to be of the frame of mind where they, too, want to play a key role in their own "recoveries", and we are able to help steer them in those directions. All who are able bodied are required to conduct a serious, ongoing job search, while those who need it get direct assistance in dealing with programs such as fuel assistance, food stamps, legal aid, occupational assessments and placement services, Medicaid and Medicare, budgeting, home

weatherization, assistance for the elderly, and various forms of help for the disabled.

There is nothing static or benign about Sunapee's Welfare Program. My average of 15-18 hours per week has been tested many times during 1999.

The two major holiday periods continue to be the times I see our community pull together, hard, for those in need. From the holiday-dinner gift certificates presented at both Thanksgiving and Christmas by the trustees of the Community Methodist Church (chaired this year by Janet Ramspott), to the donations of food for our pantry, and toys, by various groups from both Sunapee Middle-High School, and the Central Elementary School, this Town's efforts are outstanding.

People such as our two school nurses, Marilyn Sherman and Mal McLaughlin, who help provide us family names of those in need, to the workers who assist Springfield's Laura Patten with our annual, two-town, toy bonanza called, simply, The Toys Project, everything clicks. Those of you, who respond to our newspaper articles with donations of food, toys, and even cash, provide a valuable service, and fully 100 percent of you request anonymity. You are truly the best kinds of givers. You provided more than \$1,200 worth of donations in 1999.

Organizations such as the Georges Mills Ladies Aid Society, and the Sunapee Senior Citizens, give generously through our programs, bringing smiles to the faces of many of our children, and their parents as well.

Our food pantry operation, conducted in the basement of the Town Office building, is year round, providing non-perishable food to an average of 12-15 per week. It is open every business day, and otherwise by special arrangement. It depends on donations of foods and personal and household items, or funds, from you, the citizens of our Town. Anyone wishing to help financially can donate to the Sunapee Food Pantry at any time.

I thank you very much for your various forms of support throughout the year. I trust you will all continue your support, so we may keep meeting our goals of assistance to those in need in our community. And please contact me should you ever have questions about our program.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Wrightington
Welfare Director

SULLIVAN COUNTY NUTRITION SERVICES REPORT

Sullivan County Nutrition Services delivered over 3,380 meals in Sunapee during the year of 1999. In addition, our program provided 230 outreach services units, 178 Senior Companion visits, and 72 boxes of home delivered commodity food to Sunapee during this period.

The home delivered nutrition services program provides nutritious meals to older Americans, particularly those in great economic and social need who are home bound by reason of illness or disability and to those who are otherwise isolated due to transportation problems. Our services are designed to maintain or improve the health of these older Americans, preserve and support their independence, and prevent premature or unnecessary institutionalization.

The number of home-delivered meals in Sunapee continues to grow each year and we feel that this trend will continue. We are finding that more and more senior citizens are in need of some type of assistance.

Sullivan County Nutrition Services provides over 100,000 meals each year to the senior citizens of Sullivan County. 65,000 of these meals are home delivered. Our meals-on-wheels drivers are responsible for checking on our clients each day when a meal is delivered. Should there be any problems, the appropriate person or agency is notified.

Sullivan County Nutrition Services wished to thank the Board of Selectmen and the citizens of Sunapee for your support of the program. Your concern for the senior citizens of Sunapee and Sullivan County is to be commended. We are very thankful for the financial assistance we receive from the citizens of Sunapee.

Respectfully submitted,
Rodney Walker, Executive Director

LAKE SUNAPEE REGION VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION AND AFFILIATES

Over the last decade health care delivery has evolved from a system where each component of care – physician, hospital, nursing home or home care – operated in its own world, often isolated from the other, to a highly integrated world where the skills of many providers and an abundance of new technologies are organized around the needs of a specific patient. During this same period, health

care organizations have struggled to meet the needs of all customers and remain innovative because of the stifling effects of government regulations and reduced reimbursement. We are entering an exciting era where we have tremendous opportunities to provide medical care to individuals and families due to advances in drug therapy and in disease management and prevention, but we must do this in a way that cost-effectively demonstrates best practice and achieves quality outcomes.

Relationships are at the core of what will make us successful in the future. Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association is affiliated with New London Hospital and Capital Region Health Care. These relationships help us access clinical expertise, purchase cost-effectively and provide a continuum of care for you as a health care consumer. We also have a relationship with Colby-Sawyer College in which we provide clinical experiences for nursing students and our staff has access to laboratory facilities for education. Relationships with local schools, the Council on Aging and other community resources help us to respond to the needs of those for whom we provide care. This year we have implemented a Community Council with representation from the towns we serve. This group is an additional vehicle to bring us information about the health care needs of the community and to take information about our programs back to the community. Finally, *and most importantly*, we have wonderful relationships with people in the community, whether they be Trustees, employees, the many people and businesses who donate time or gifts, or patients and their families.

To meet its mission of providing high quality home health care services that support the dignity and independence of people in this community, Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association has invested heavily in technology and in education over the past year. Technology allows us to collect critical information about patient outcomes and costs; and also allows us to bring clinical tools, such as very portable ECG machines, to your home that assist your physician in caring for you. As hospital stays become shorter, and more illnesses are treated on an outpatient basis, it is very important that our staff receives education in areas like intravenous therapy, cardiology, pain management and complex wound care.

Stewardship is a value taken seriously at Lake Sunapee Region VNA. In addition to charity care provided each year by the organization, there are a number of other community benefits including:

- ❖ Bereavement support groups and home visits for adults and children
- ❖ Hospice volunteer training
- ❖ Medication assistance and preventive dental care for needy children
- ❖ Blood pressure and other screening clinics and health fairs
- ❖ Weekly Parent-Child Support Group
- ❖ Clinical experience for nursing and certified nursing assistant students
- ❖ Community education programs on CPR, First Aid, preventive health care, parenting and others
- ❖ Participation in local career days
- ❖ Meeting room space for outside groups
- ❖ Participation on state-wide health planning groups
- ❖ Vaccines at cost or free of charge for adults and children
- ❖ Storage and distribution of food for the Kearsarge Food Pantry
- ❖ Christmas program for needy families
- ❖ Administration of the Lifeline personal response program
- ❖ Speaker's Bureau

During the past year, Lake Sunapee Region VNA provided many services to residents of Sunapee. Our Home Care program provided **2512** visits to **46** individuals. Our Hospice program provided **112** visits to **5** residents. Lifeline Personal Response System service was provided for **8** residents. Our Long-term Care program provided **10,765** hours of care for **28** residents. Immunizations, including flu vaccines, were provided for **269** residents. Maternal and Child Health services included well child and dental clinic care for **40** children; newborn/postpartum care for **17** families; Parent-child program support for **26** families; and after-school child care for **28** children.

This year more than 18 staff and volunteers residing in Sunapee helped us provide care and services for our patients and families or served on our Board of Trustees or Community Council. Trustees from Sunapee this year were Les Sherrill, Billie Barry, Sue Eaton, Jim Elliott, Catherine Feeney and Sheila Lewis Henry. All of those people, and especially the patients and families we've served, are grateful for the continuing support of the Town of Sunapee.

Respectfully submitted,
 Andrea Steel
 President and CEO

KEARSARGE AREA COUNCIL ON AGING, INC. REPORT

Kearsarge area Council on Aging, Inc. (KCOA), a non-profit volunteer based organization, is now in its 7th year serving people 55 years and older in area towns: Andover, Danbury, Grantham, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton, and Wilmot. KCOA's mission is to provide services and programs to enhance the health, well-being, dignity, and independence of senior adults.

In January our office and Program Center moved from 12 Newport Road to the Baynam's Building at 180 Main Street, New London, offering more space and lodge type atmosphere conducive to many new programs: "In Stitches" (crafts), Yoga, Bridge, (contract and duplicate), Photography, and Arthritis Exercise. In addition we continue our weekly Computer Classes, Paint w/ Peers, Quilting, Woodworking, Chair Exercises, and Tai Chi.

Off-site programs continued to grow in popularity. Outdoor Recreation For Seniors (ORFS) meets every Tuesday for a wide variety of outdoor activities. Bus trips have become very popular. Eight, day long trips and one over night trip were filled to capacity. Our library series, supported by a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council and held at the New London Tracy Library was well attended. "Conversations with Lunch," in New London and the Danbury Senior Center Luncheon, provided interesting speakers, great food, and sociability to all KCOA members and friends.

KCOA services continue to contribute to the quality of life and independence of members needing assistance. Dial A Ride for transportation, Mr. Fix It for small home repairs, Friendly visitor for companionship, Telephone Reassurance for daily support, and Resource and Information service for community, county, and state assistance. A monthly newsletter, "The Courier" is sent to members to keep them informed of all activities and current information. There is no charge for this publication.

As 1999 draws to a close, KCOA celebrates the success of another year. Our nine community membership has grown to 1,630 people and our 334 caring volunteers provided assistance to 1,060 clients.

At a recent Town Meeting, Ann Ponder, President of Colby Sawyer College said, "Let's do more good than we have to do." Her quote captures the spirit of 334 volunteers. These dedicated people donate their time and talent serving the

needs of the seniors in our nine communities. They truly are the heartbeat of our organization.

We are grateful for the continuing financial support from our nine area Towns, donors to our annual fund drive, foundation grants, the sponsors of our newsletter and individual clients. We also appreciate the support given to our periodic fund raising events such as the SKIT production and our yard sale during 1999... Thank you for your generosity!

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Goddard, Chairman – Board of Directors

HYDROELECTRIC STATION REPORT

1999 operation continued at a much lower rate than recent years due to a very dry winter, spring, and summer, causing an early shut down date of June 18th (normally we shut down two months later). Fall operation remained slow, again, because of the dry year. Late in November a failure of a control module in the Ossberger Turbine controller caused a complete shut down of the plant, further lessening production. This loss of use was taken up by the Town water pump turbine, which used most of the low discharged water rate, specified at the time by the DES. Going into 2000 the low precipitation rate and therefore low lake discharge continues.

The planned tailrace concrete repairs for 1999 were never done due primarily to a lack of response from contractors requested to bid on the work. Therefore, it is planned to be attempted again in 2000.

Two internal projects were the construction of a new footbridge over the Otter Pond Dam, and a completely rewritten maintenance manual for the annual maintenance of the plant.

1999 is a particularly big year in another way for the Hydro, the reason being that it was the final year of the mortgage payments that started fifteen years ago when the plant went on line. Again, thank you for your continued support of this project.

Submitted by Plant Operators: Dick Atkinson
Charles Boyce
Joe Adams

HYDRO FUND RECAPITULATION

Balance as of January 1, 1999	382,621.42
Income:	
PSNH	173,462.40
Interest	16,488.65
Expenses	
Operating and Debt	89,050.72
Special Article – Perkins Pond Project	74,186.49
Balance as of December 31, 1999	<u>\$ 413,335.26</u>

By using Hydro Surplus to avoid general fund borrowing, the Hydro Fund did not earn \$2,844.90 interest.

WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT REPORT

Again I would like to start my report by thanking the Water & Sewer Commissioners for their guidance and support in the past year and also to all the town departments for their assistance and teamwork to get the jobs done.

As I began to write this last Water and Sewer report of the 1900s I can't stop wondering what would have been reported in 1899 if there had been a water and sewer department. I also reflected on all the changes in the last 100 years and realized that a majority of those changes in the water and sewer industry have been governed by health and safety issues and I'm sure it will be the same for the next 100 years. Sunapee will continue this trend and maintain quality service.

The Water Department's new slow sand filter and well station have been running very nicely with few problem and the department has been able to keep up with our forever changing weekend and seasonal flow demands, the Sunapee slow sand filter processed about 77,851,575 gallons of water and the Georges Mills' Wells processed about 12,987,241 gallons of water. The Water Department largest project this past year was the painting of our 700,000 gallon steel storage tank in Sunapee and I would like to thank those users that were inconvenience, for their patience and understanding throughout this project. Along with our day to day routine of water sampling, upkeep, and maintenance of the system the department also removed the old Georges Mills chlorination building at the end of Meadowbrook road, repaired 20 summer water line leaks, 5 service leaks, 4

fire hydrants, 16 curb stops, raise or lowered 12 valve boxes, and had 31 after hours call outs down from 45 in 1998 and a majority of 1999 call outs were due to the steel tank being out of service. We also mailed out our first Consumer Confidence Report and newsletter, which is full of useful information and some fun water facts. Anyone wishing to receiving the CCR or newsletter please stop by the Town Office or call 763-2115.

In the Sewer Department's collection system we installed a Boat sewage dumping station that will help maintain Lake Sunapee's high water quality. We also raised or lowered 22 manholes, replaced 3 back up generator at 3 of our pump stations and flushed out the hole sewer system when we flushed fire hydrants which will be a twice a year project. I'm also happy to report that the department had cut its pump station call out in half from 43 in 1998 to 22 in 1999.

At the Wastewater Treatment plant we had some challenges, the biggest being a new State and Federal wastewater discharge permit that doubled our weekly, monthly and yearly water testing plus daily upkeep and maintenance of our 28 year old plant which is closing in on 80% capacity.

Our biggest projects were the cleaning of the 108,000 gallon sludge holding tank, and the cleaning of the two plant clarifiers and still maintain flow. In 1999 the plant treated and returned 168 million gallons of water to the river to be used again. In doing so we produced 84,568 dry pounds of bio-solids which is land applied by Concord wastewater treatment plant

In closing I would like to thank the Water and Sewer department personnel for their commitment to the Department. We are on call 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

And as always I would like to invite all of Sunapee's citizens to tour your Water and Wastewater Plants. To arrange for a tour, or to ask questions, please call (603) 763-2115

Respectfully submitted
David R Brennan, Superintendent

Sunapee Water Quality Report - 2000

Test Results for 1999 (1/99 – 12/99)

Is my drinking water safe?

We are pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements.

What is the source of my water?

The Sunapee water system source is surface water from Lake Sunapee. The water intake pipe is about 35 feet below the surface and is located in Sunapee Harbor. This water is treated and distributed from the Slow Sand Filter Plant located on Harbor Hill. The Georges Mills water system source is two bedrock wells located on Pleasant Street.

Why are there contaminants in my water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amount of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

How can I get involved?

Questions regarding your water systems can be directed to David R. Brennan, Water & Sewer Superintendent, at 603-763-2115, 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM Monday – Friday. The Water & Sewer Office is located in the Town Hall at 23 Edgemont Road. The Water & Sewer Commission meets the last Thursday of each month, unless otherwise posted. Meeting notices are posted in the Town Hall and in the Sunapee and Georges Mills Post Offices.

Other information

Water & Sewer Department Personnel: *David R. Brennan – Superintendent, Tim Mulder – WWTP Chief Operator, Rob Thorp - Water & Sewer Foreman, Jeremiah Menard - Distribution Operator, Dave Bailey – Water Treatment Operator; Scott Campbell - Water & Sewer Laborer; Eileen Dexter – Bookkeeper*

Water & Sewer Commissioners: *David Montambeault – Chairman, Aaron Simpson - Vice-Chairman, Bill Roach, Ron Wyman, Henry Cunningham, Ray Hudson, Stuart Caswell*

Do I need to take special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from the health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Definitions: MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal, or the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety. • MCLs: The highest level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. They are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology • AL: Action Level, or the concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. • TT: Treatment Technique, or a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Environmental Protection Agency requires testing of 77 different contaminants. The following test results represent the only contaminants that were of a detectable level in the Sunapee and Georges Mills water systems.

Abbreviations: PPT: Parts per trillion, PPB: parts per billion, ppm: parts per million or, n/a: not applicable, NTU: Nephelometric Turbidity Unit, MFL: million fibers per liter, nd: not detectable at testing limits.

1999 TEST RESULTS FOR SUNAPEE SYSTEM #2271010

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected/ Range of Detection	Unit Meas.	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Microbiological Contaminants						
Total Coliform Bacteria (% positive samples)	NO	0	ppm	0	Presence of coliform bacteria in $\geq 5\%$ of compliance samples	Naturally present in the environment
Turbidity *	NO	.2	NTU	n/a	1 NTU	Soil runoff
Inorganic Contaminants *Represents 1998 Test Results						
Barium *	NO	10	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Lead	NO	17	ppb	0	15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits

Health Effects Information: Lead - Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

1999 TEST RESULTS FOR GEORGES MILLS SYSTEM #2271020

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected/ Range of Detection	Unit Meas.	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Microbiological Contaminants						
Total Coliform Bacteria (% positive samples)	NO	0	ppm	0	Presence of coliform bacteria in $\geq 5\%$ of compliance samples	Naturally present in the environment
Inorganic Contaminants * Represents 1998 Test Results						
Barium *	NO	.018	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride *	NO	1.18	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	NO	.22	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

Synthetic Organic Contaminants: Did not exceed MCL

Volatile Organic Contaminants: Did not exceed MCL

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

After 10 years of working with, and then on the Recreation Committee, I was hired as Part-Time Recreation Director for the Town in October. I see maintaining the high quality of current programming as one of my most important responsibilities. Exploring and implementing new programs and activities for all ages is another priority as we enter the 21st century. Summaries of our 1999 programs and activities are listed below:

1999 SPRING ACTIVITIES

Softball – Thirty-eight (38) girls participated in the Sunapee Girls Softball program for grades 3 – 6. Shaun Carroll coached the combined 3rd and 4th grade team. This year we had two 5th/6th grade teams. One team was coached by Dana Ramspott and the other team by Candy Saindon.

T-Ball - Eighteen children ages 5 – 7 participated in the Sunapee T-Ball instruction offered by Mike O'Brien.

Little League - Eighty-four 7-12 year olds turned out for the Kearsarge Valley Little League Baseball program.

Farm League – There were two farm teams – the Sharks were coached by George Curt and the Raiders were coached by Steve Anglin.

Minor League – The two minor league teams were the Athletics, coached by Steve Whitehead with assistance from Rob Simpson and Gary Szalucka; and the Mariners coached by Ed Emery with assistance from Ed Lamer. The Mariners finished third in their division while the Athletics came in first in theirs.

Major League – This year we returned to having two Major League teams instead of three. The Orioles were coached by veteran Jeff Trow, who has been involved at various levels for many years. Jeff was assisted by Jim Walsh. Nick Memole coached the Astros for the 14th consecutive year with assistance from Dennis Deegan, Dan Hubbard and Jeff Brode. The Astros and Orioles finished 1-2 respectively in the League's regular season. The Orioles bowed out of the playoffs in the semifinals, while the Astros completed a perfect (24-0) regular and playoff season. Since Sunapee had two of the stronger major league teams, one KVLL Tournament (North) All-Star team was comprised solely of Sunapee players. This team finished first in their division and second overall in the Tournament. The League also sent teams to the Youngsville and Lebanon

Invitational Tournaments. In all, 15 different Sunapee players participated in the three tournaments.

Babe Ruth – In 1999 Sunapee again played in the Connecticut Valley Babe Ruth League.

Eleven young people (including several from surrounding towns) played on the 13 – 14 year old Prep Babe Ruth team, coached by Dave Barnett with assistance from Jeff Brode and Jay Harvey. Mike Brode, Cabot Barnett and Chris Jones represented the Sunapee team in the Connecticut Valley League's Prep Level All-Star Game.

The Jr. Babe Ruth (14 – 15) year old team was coached again by Dave Gibbens with assistance from Norm Morin and Bob Saindon and Brenda Huff. Sunapee was represented by Mike Saindon, Ben Trow, Shane Huff and Kyle Hudson in the CVL Jr. Babe Ruth All-Star Game.

The Recreation Committee would like to thank the many volunteer coaches, assistants, umpires, drivers, etc. along with the players and their supportive parents for continuing Sunapee's outstanding youth baseball tradition.

1999 SUMMER AND FALL ACTIVITIES

Beach – The 1999 Dewey Beach season saw some changes. For the first time we had kayaks for town's people to use free of charge. This year we ran the Beach Store ourselves. It was a good learning experience for our first time. We had our 3rd season of crafts for the children. Jen Grant ran it this year and had some wonderful things for the kids to do. Once again we offered Swim Lessons to all ages and it was a great success. Thanks to Ted Davis and Becca Kordas for all of their hard work and commitment to the Swim Lesson Program. In mid-summer the water level in the lake fell to a dangerous level, so diving off the docks was stopped. We want to thank the great staff for their work and look forward to another super summer of swimming.

Tennis – For the second year many townspeople enjoyed summer use of the Burkehaven's two tennis courts. Thanks to owners Dot and Bill Reilly and to Ann Webb, Tennis Coordinator for the Recreation Committee.

Soccer – Sunapee's youth continued to enjoy the many soccer programs offered to them by the Recreation Committee. A new, young and very enthusiastic camp came to Sunapee this past summer, with the Play Soccer boys from

Massachusetts. This was a week-long camp designed to enhance skills at virtually all age and skill levels. This was a great camp and they have promised to come back this summer. Many thanks go out to the following host families for opening their homes and families to a good group of kids, and for sharing a little bit of Sunapee hospitality: Dave and Deb Gibbens, Susan Parmenter and Tim Bushueff, and Ann and Paul Webb.

Sunapee also participated again in the very popular Merrimack Valley Soccer League. Both the fall and [new] spring were successful, and very well attended. This year's fall program was the largest in Sunapee's history, with over one hundred participants. Thanks to all of the coaches: Van Webb, Marcia Whitehead, Kelley Perron, Jeff Trow, Steve McGrath, Alan Abendroth, Jim Parsons, Sophie Sparrow, Kathy Muller, and Mitch Latva.

Special thanks go out to all of the soccer referees: Chris Reed, Matt Shea, T.J. DiPaola, Tyler Webb, Joey Perkins, Shawn Deegan and Bryan DiPaola. Thanks also to all of the volunteer parents for their effort and support.

Special thanks to Marian Deegan for her contributions in heading up the growing soccer program for the second year. Marian recently left the Recreation Committee to pursue other interests. The booming soccer program will be her legacy to Sunapee Recreation. Thank you Marian!

1999-2000 WINTER ACTIVITIES

Elementary Basketball – There were sixty participants in this winter's Quad Valley Recreational Basketball program. The 3rd - 4th grade Boys teams was coached by Bobby Saindon and Ken Ricketts while the Girls team at that level was coached by Debbie Shapiro. There were two 5th – 6th grade Girls teams coached by Steve Brock and Christine Williams. The 5th – 6th grade Boys team was coached by Dean Larpenter. The Recreation Committee thanks the coaches and the many other volunteers who assisted as scorekeepers and gym supervisors. A special thank you to Steve Whitehead for his time in assisting as coach, training referees and officiating. This was the first year high school players (who once played in the Elementary Program) teamed with the Elementary Program as referees.

PeeWee Basketball – Rob Simpson took on the responsibility for this program again this year. It is a six session skill-building and fun play experience for kindergarten through second grade boys and girls. This year we have about 20 participants. Many thanks to all the parents who help assist at the gym on Saturday mornings.

Youth Drop-In Basketball – Once again we have youth drop-in basketball for grades 4 –12 on Saturday nights at Sherburne Gym. The program runs from December through February with each age group having specific times to play. Program participants are allowed to simply shoot baskets or take part in more organized pickup games and contests. Many thanks to the participants and the adult supervisors for making this program successful.

Ice Skating – As of this writing plans for the Ice Skating this year include a move to the Ben Mere Park area. Jim Buchan is spearheading the program this year with assistance from Artie Osborne (as always), Dave Brennan and Tony Bergeron and their crews. It was hoped to have the rink up for the Millennium.

1999 ADULT PROGRAMS

Volleyball – Adult Drop-In Volleyball continues at High School Gym on Tuesday and Friday evenings. All Sunapee residents are welcome. Thanks to Billie Barry for her efforts on behalf of the program.

Basketball – Adult Drop-In Basketball now has two programs running through the winter. Sunday evenings at the Sherburne Gym from 7 - 9 pm is open to all. Sunday mornings from 8 - 10 at the High School is intended for those over 30 years old. Thank you to Cory Flint and Dean Larpenter respectively for their efforts to make these programs happen.

Indoor Soccer – Indoor soccer is being played at the High School Gym on Thursday evenings through the winter. All adult players are encouraged to attend. Chuck Weinstein gets a special thank you for helping to organize this program.

1999 SPECIAL EVENTS

Christmas Tree Lighting – Our annual special events begin pre-Christmas with the tree lighting at the harbor with caroling by the Time Travelers and then again at the Methodist Church with a visit from Santa. Thanks to the Sunapee Fire Department, the Methodist Ladies, Ellie Goddard and the Time Travelers for their support.

Presentations - In seeking to assess special events and plan for more varied opportunities, we offered a presentation to all townspeople Re: "Randy Richards and his Travels as a Mountain Guide in South America." We are looking to provide more presentations of this nature in the upcoming year.

Winterfest - This event scheduled for mid-February elapsed into a "melt down" in 1999. However, we were able to resurrect skating games, races and goodies for young and old at the Ice Rink.

Special reduced rates were promoted by Sunapee Recreation for skiing at Ragged Mountain to groups of 10 or more, as well as free basketball games at Colby Sawyer College and reduced rates at Dartmouth winter athletic events.

The advent of spring and summer prompted our focus on current programming for baseball, softball, spring soccer (new) and the Beach opening. We did add a special soccer clinic in the spring to promote and enhance coaching skills for parents as well as child participation in the indoor game.

Fall brought our traditional support of the annual Halloween SPTO Party for children of all ages at the Sherburne Gym.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Memole, Recreation Director

Recreation Committee – Deb McGrath (Chairperson), Candy Saindon,

Christine Williams, Jim Buchan, Paula Flanders

SUNAPEE GARDENERS' REPORT

The Sunapee Gardeners are an offshoot of an organization which was started in 1990, "Sunapee 2000". The Gardeners were then called "the Sunapee 2000 Beautification Committee". As people expressed interest in working on the Town gardens the committee continued to grow, even though the "Sunapee 2000" organization became inactive. In the fall of 1997, the gardeners voted to change the name of the garden group to the "Sunapee Gardeners", which was approved by the Board of Selectmen. The Sunapee Gardeners have grown from a committee of 15 to a group of 29 volunteer gardeners (4 being members of the original committee).

The Sunapee Gardeners plant and care for 12 Town gardens the funding for which comes from the Town as a yearly allotment of \$500.00:

- ❖ In Georges Mills: 4 Whiskey Barrel Gardens, a Christmas tree next to the Fire House, and a Shade Garden at the Fire House is planned for the summer of 2000.
- ❖ In Sunapee: the Watering Trough Garden, the Leo Osborne Memorial Garden, the Police Station and Thrift Shop, the Clara Osborne Memorial

Garden, the Pyramid Garden, War and Ernie Cutting Memorial Gardens, the historic hydrangeas (leading to the gazebo), Coffin Park Memorial and the Town Hall Whiskey Barrels.

In 1997, the Sunapee Gardeners received permission from the Town to create a memorial garden (the oval perennial garden in the Harbor). This garden is not funded by the Town but by people wishing to memorialize a loved one or occasion. The name of the person or occasion is recorded in a leather book along with the giver of the gift. A record of the gift is also kept by the Town and forms for memorial gifts are available the Town Hall. A reading of memorial names is read in the summer at a Wednesday Band Concert usually at the first Concert in August.

For the past eight years the Sunapee Gardeners have provided a Christmas tree with lights at the gazebo. Each year Sunapee High School students have set up and decorated the tree, for this we thank them. We also wish to thank a Sunapee couple for their donation of the lovely white lights that adorned our gazebo this year (due to our long winter gazebo Christmas lights are lit from the first week in December to the 14th of February).

In keeping with the spirit of our gardeners and desire for year round beautification we have placed greens in the Harbor window boxes, being reimbursed by the Sunapee Harbor Riverway. This has inspired us to form a winter garden committee, which will oversee the joys of winter in the Harbor. Committee Chairman: Nancy Clark (this committee has been approved by the Town Manager, John B. Wheeler).

The Sunapee Gardeners are truly a devoted group of volunteers made up of people that love to garden and love their Town of Sunapee. Each gardener chooses a garden to care for during the summer for one-week durations, 3 to 4 times a season. (Gardeners donate about 10 to 15 hours per season to Town Gardening) during the gardening season we have 4 project work days along with planning and education meetings throughout the year.

We sincerely invite any person that has a interest in gardening to come and join the Sunapee Gardeners. Your expertise does not have to be any greater than a true love of your Town, and a desire to garden with a group of fun, dedicated people...

Respectfully submitted,
Ellie Goddard, Sunapee Gardeners

TOWN BUILDINGS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Sunapee Town Buildings Committee, formed at the request of the Board of Selectmen, has been meeting since May of 1999 to assess the building needs of the nine non-School related Town Departments. Through the use of a needs survey, meetings with Department Heads and open committee meetings, we have been able to identify several key “needs” for our Town’s continued successful growth. They are:

- ❖ A new Highway garage near Avery Road
- ❖ A new Police/Fire/Safety Services building on the site of the current Highway Garage and Fire Department
- ❖ Community support for the relocation of the Abbott Library

We have presented our initial findings to the community and the Board of Selectmen in December of 1999. Our recommendations have resulted in three articles being placed on the 2000 Town Warrant. It is the hope of the Board of Selectmen that the community will support the passage of these articles to allow the Town Building Committee’s work to go forward towards the actual design of the proposed buildings. The Committee supports these articles and looks forward to coming again before the Town with specific building plans and the costs associated with each at the 2001 Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Steve McGrath, Chairman, Robert Armstrong, Katrina Hill, Barbara Hollander, Denise Preston

INFORMATION REPORT

The Sunapee Information Booth opened for the 1999 summer season on Memorial Day Weekend. As usual, we were open for all the June weekends and opened up full-time the last week of June.

Our total of cars that stopped at the Booth for information from Memorial Weekend through Labor Day was 3736, and 9296 people. We had a total of 375 cars less than 1998, and 1750 more people. We found that we had more vans and people were traveling with one or two couples together, which was one of the reasons for less cars.

From Labor Day through Columbus Day we were open weekends and had a total of 161 cars and 368 people making a total of 3897 cars, 9664 people, and 242 calls for the summer of 1999.

Having a Welcome Center in the Harbor does help a great deal for the people who arrive in the area after the Booth hours, and having an active booth in Newbury helps alleviate the Saturday morning crowds that stop at the Sunapee Booth.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Aikens and Terry Hamilton

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT I

It is a pleasure to report to you as one of your elected officials serving on the five-member Executive council within the Executive Branch of you NH State Government. This five-member elected group acts much like a board of directors for your very large NH State Government carrying out the law and budget as passed by the NH House & Senate and signed into law by the Governor. We also act upon gubernatorial nominations to the entire Judicial Branch of your Government, State Supreme Court, Superior Court, Probate Court, District Court all are nominated by the Governor, a posted public hearing must be held by the Council and then a vote to deny or confirm the nomination is held. Persons interested in serving on a volunteer board of commission should contact Kathy Goode at the Governor's Office, 271-2121.

- This is a brief list and quick reference of some of the available services from NH State Government for citizens looking for financial and Technical assistance and general information.
- Adjutant General John Blair: (Army & Air Guard of NH) 271-1200, community Presentations on Drug Demand Education.
- Director Bruce Cheney of the NH Emergency E-911 Office: 271-6900, Mapping Services to Towns, tours, and presentations available.
- Director Art Haeussler of the State & Federal Surplus: 271-2602, Informative newsletter about surplus foods, products, etc.
- Commissioner Steve Taylor, NH Dept. of Agriculture: 271-2561, Information on restoring old barns, controlling pests, has NH Weekly Market Bulletin available.

- Attorney General Phil McLaughlin: 271-3658, Financial grants for domestic violence, victim assistance, consumer protection bureau, call Mark Thompson for listing.
- Consumer Advocate Mike Holmes: (Public Utilities) 1-800-852-3793, handles complaints about electric bills, phone bills, etc.
- NH Director of Prison Industries, Dennis Race: 271-1875, available products in furniture, data entry, signs, decals, car repair, printing, and web page development.
- NH Director of Historical Resources, Nancy Dutton: 271-3558, Consults, has information about, historic structures, preservation, and appropriate laws and regulations.
- NH State Librarian, Mike York: 1-800-499-1232, Has services for persons with disabilities, electronic information, archives, and political library.
- NH Director of Emergency Management, Woodbury Fogg: 1-800-852-3792, Is ready to respond to inquiries about ice jams, floods, high winds, oil spills, big fires, etc.
- NH Employment Security Comm. John Ratoff: 1-800-852-3400, Finds employees, trains them, keeps them working.
- NH Environmental Services Comm., Robert Varney: 271-3503, Air Resources, Waste Management (dumps/landfills) water/sewers, wetlands permits, river management.
- NH Fish & Game Dept., Director Wayne Vetter: 271-3421, Hunter Education, public boat launches, wildlife centers.
- NH Health & Human Services, Comm. Don Shumway: 1-800-852-3345, Public Health, AIDS information, mental health, youth & families, long-term care, disabilities, elderly services, ombudsman.
- NH Insurance Dept./Comm., Paula Rogers: 1-800-852-3416, Processes complaints about insurance fraud.

- NH Labor Department, Comm. Jim Casey: 1-800-272-4353, Handles complaints about wage and hours, worker's compensation, and vocational rehabilitation.
- NH Community Technical college System, Comm. Glenn DuBois: 1-800-247-3420, Information on programs for college credit, scholarships, at the seven-campus system throughout the State.
- NH Dept. of Resource & Economic Development, Comm. George Bald: 271-2411, Information on all State parks, economic development, ski operations, trails bureau, tourism maps, State forestry nursery and international commerce, and camping reservations.
- NH Dept. Of Safety, Comm. Richard Flynn: 271-2791, Fire safety standards/training, motor vehicle registration, boating safety, State Police.
- NH Secretary of State, William Gardner: 1-800-562-4300, Corporate name department, records management & archives, securities regulation.
- NH Transportation Dept., Comm. Leon Kenison: 271-3734, NH Airports, bridges, highway design, public transportation, railroads, public works – all are part of this key department.
- NH Veterans Council, Director Dennis Viola: 1-800-622-9230, Advocate for veterans and their families.
- NH Veterans Home in Tilton – Commandant Barry Conway: 286-4412, A very suitable home for veterans with approved care and rehabilitative services.
- NH Youth Services Dept., Comm. Peter Favreau: 271-5942, Youth Center in Manchester, Detention Center in Concord, and the Tobey School for Youth.

All of NH State Government is accessible through 271-1110 and through NH Webster System at <http://www.state.nh.us>, or call my office any time at 271-3632 or send e-mail to rburton@gov.state.nh.us

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond S. Burton
State House Room 207
Concord, NH 03301

STATE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT
Sullivan County District II
Grantham-Springfield-Sunapee

It was again a pleasure to serve our district in the 1999 session. Although, we were able to process several bills which benefited our state, the one big one got away from us, and that was the adoption of HB 117 and HB 999 relative to the statewide property tax. Several of us including Representative Jones also from our district, worked very hard to find other alternatives. Unfortunately, we couldn't muster the votes needed to bring it to fruition.

Currently, Grantham and Sunapee have been assessed \$487,516 and \$579,648 respectfully to contribute to an approximate total of \$24,149,944 to be paid by the so-called donor towns to the statewide education fund. This is significant as it will cost Grantham approximately \$2.09/1000 and Sunapee \$1.30/1000 on their tax bills. This is above and beyond what it costs to run its own schools.

Fortunately, Springfield is a receiver town at present but could become a donor community as the statewide property tax increases. For instance, if HB 999 were to stand, and based upon projections, the statewide property tax could easily increase from \$6.60/1000 to an excess of \$9/1000 within the next 2-3 years.

So what has happened? The thrust of this whole exercise is that the state has changed its way of doing business as far as funding schools is concerned. Up until now, our education delivery has been approximately 89 % local; 7.5 % state; and 3.5 % Federally funded. Due to the supreme court decision, and based upon what the legislature perceives to be an adequate education for approximately 195,000 students, the state has opted to fund education in the amount of \$825,000,000 which now translates to approximately 32.5% local; 65% state; and 3.5% Federal. This has specific consequences for our area especially if we continue with a significantly high statewide property tax. As the \$825 million increases to higher numbers our citizens will feel it more deeply. Coupled with concerns about the distribution system whereby high per capita towns receive large amounts of monies and the need for a more equitable funding source, the process needs immediate review.

Perhaps to gain a better perspective of the challenge at hand, these are approximately what the basic three broad-based taxes would yield in New Hampshire at this time: 1) For every \$1/1000 on the a statewide property tax with no circuit breakers and no homestead exemption, there would be an approximate yield of \$67 million ; 2) for every 1% on adjusted gross income

with no deductibles, the yield would be approximately \$300 million; and 3) for every 1% sales tax with the exemption of food, clothing and anything already taxed, the approximate yield would be \$100 million.

Although, several of us representing donor towns tried to sunset HB 999 at an earlier date, we were able to get a January 2, 2003 expiration date. Hopefully, by that time we will have adopted a statewide tax policy, which addresses the state's needs, and do it more in an equitable way. However, currently the legislature is still a split camp and the task remains formidable. For instance, the present speaker who supported the statewide property tax, advocates a constitutional amendment, which failed twice in 1997. She is also against gambling and the capital gains tax. The Governor also supported the statewide property tax and would accept a gambling and a capital gains tax. Both are against the income tax. Many are afraid of the sales tax because it would take such a high one to meet our needs because we have such a low base to work from in our state.(example 9-10 %). So, the debate continues. Some advocate a small income-sales-property tax combination, and eliminate some of the others such as interest and dividends and legacy taxes. In any event, we have a huge amount to raise and hopefully we won't leave it disproportionately up to the property tax payer.

Other major areas of concern in the coming year include electric rates and healthcare issues. However, because of the education funding challenge they haven't received their due consideration. That should change as the session proceeds in 2000.

Another funding issue of concern is that of the county. District #2, which includes Grantham, Springfield and Sunapee, pays about 36% of the county budget. Whenever any costs are passed down to the county, all of our towns have to absorb them. It is often a "catch-22" scenario. As we strive to keep state budgets in perspective, we also need to be cognizant that when we cut, we don't pass it on to our individual communities, which can easily happen. For instance, if \$100,000 is passed on to the county, Grantham would pay approximately 12% or \$12,000, Springfield-4% or \$4,000, and Sunapee-20% or \$20,000. This can be a double whammy, especially for donor towns.

When not in session, most of my time is spent in the Municipal and County Government Committee. We handled over 50 bills in 1999, including 15 re-referred, which had to be reported out to the speaker by November 1st. I am particularly pleased with the efforts of the Route 11 Study Committee, a bill which I co-sponsored. They are holding meetings all along the Route 11

corridor as well in Concord. Several of us feel this is a very important East-West artery which has a major impact on the economy of our county. Other bills I have sponsored or co-sponsored for year 2000, include eliminating the \$5200 per year state fee for water rights assessed to the Town of Sunapee to run its hydro-plant, and the formation of a state program to assist towns in setting up an archives program for community records.

Senator Disnard and I from this area are working with two other state senators and four representatives as statutory committee members studying the NH-VT Solid Waste Program. We have applied for a one-year extension and hopefully we will report our findings by November 1, 2000.

The area of constituent service is an important function of all representatives. The various state departments are there to serve us well, but there are times when we can offer assistance which may be of help or add impetus to the cause. Please feel free to call me at 763-9933 or leave a message; fax 763-5062 or use my email address rcl@sugar-river.net. My committee telephone number is 271-3317. You can usually leave a message and I will return your call. I also encourage you to use the state system on the internet to get copies of bills or to secure information from the various agencies.

I am pleased that I was able to attend all but one session day in 1999 and all of my committee meetings of which I serve as clerk.

Again, I appreciate your confidence and support. I also wish to commend Rep. Jones for offering her assistance and dedication to our district.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard C. Leone, Rep.
Sullivan County District #2

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT
SULLIVAN COUNTY DISTRICT III
CORNISH – GRANTHAM – PLAINFIELD – SPRINGFIELD – SUNAPEE**

The first year of my term has certainly been a memorable one! The education funding issue has been and still is the primary topic. With the passing of HB999 a broad base property tax was enacted. Everyone is most probably fed up with reading and hearing about the problems with HB999, which evolved, from HB117 (SMART? Plan) and ABC. Unfortunately, instead of an education issue, this became an issue of redistribution of wealth, pitting Town against Town. If

HB999 stays in place, you can be sure that many Towns that are now receiving education funding will fall into the "non-receiver" donor category by 2003.

My committee, Children and Family Law, processed 35 bills dealing with topics such as: joint legal and physical custody of children, court diversion programs, disclosure of child abuse and neglect information, and restructuring the juvenile justice system in New Hampshire. We meet in Room 206 of the legislative Office Building in Concord and if you are interested in Children and Family issues, I invite you to attend the public hearings.

Health Care and Electric Deregulation will command much attention during this upcoming session.

Electric rate reduction is long overdue and needs to be brought in line with the rest of the Nation. Science, Technology and Energy will continue to work on this complex issue.

Again, accountability and availability must be addressed in regards to HMO's. Our most vulnerable population, children and the elderly must have affordable health care available when they need it. The elderly should not have to do without the basic necessities of life in order to buy prescriptions drugs.

The Legislature can make a difference in all of the above issues. Will it? This remains to be seen.

Out of 27 Session Days I had two excused absences. It has been an honor and privilege to serve you. If you have any questions or would like to voice your opinion, please write or give a call.

Respectfully submitted,
Constance A. Jones
PO Box 975
Grantham, NH 03753
(603) 863-8395

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE**January 1 through December 31, 1999**

DATE	GROOM/BRIDE	RESIDENCE
Jan. 2	Michael R. Feeney	Newbury
	Catherine A. Van Den Heuvel	Sunapee
Jan. 9	Kenneth Howard Lyman	Sunapee
	Mary F. Hockenbury	Sunapee
Mar. 13	Glenn Edward Halleck	Sunapee
	Hillary Ann Smith	Goshen
May 14	Joseph Thomas Tuohy	Sunapee
	Maundy Ann Mitchell	Sunapee
May 15	Terry John Bressette	Claremont
	Catherine Rae Rich	Claremont
June 5	Douglas Thurston Gates	Seattle, WA
	Karen Armstrong Cousens	Seattle, WA
July 3	Ralph Albert Garrand	Sunapee
	Nancy W. Hastings	Sunapee
July 10	David Robert Horn	Gaithersburg, MD
	Christa Bowles Strole	Gaithersburg, MD
July 18	Byron Lamar McGlohon	Laurens, SC
	Sheran Dee Gould	Laurens, SC
July 24	Mark S. Humphrey	Sunapee
	Jennifer Marie Stone	Sunapee
July 24	David Gavin Hutchinson	Toronto, Canada
	Elizabeth Ann Weckerle	Toronto, Canada
July 31	Michael Sean Carney	Lowell, MA
	Heidi Joan Unger	Sunapee
Aug. 21	Damon J. Josz	Sunapee
	Lydia Ruth Hawkes	Sunapee
Aug. 23	Douglas Crawford Windsor	Georges Mills
	Lisa Marie Moran	Georges Mills
Aug. 28	Gregory Alan Harper, Jr.	Sunapee
	Christie Lynn Glidden	Sunapee
Aug. 28	Jason John Avery	Sunapee
	Samantha Marie Riley	Sunapee
Sept. 3	Barry Scott Collins	Springfield
	Debra Dee Black	Springfield
Sept. 4	Robert Massey Moran	Acton, MA
	Jessica Lee Rowse	Acton, MA
Sept. 4	Michael R. Hawkins	Georges Mills
	Hilary Lloyd Sherman	Georges Mills
Sept. 11	Dana Warner	Sunapee
	Traci Kennett	Newport

DATE	GROOM/BRIDE	RESIDENCE
Sept. 16	Robert Jon LeVasseur	Georges Mills
	Autumn Kristen Tibbetts	Georges Mills
Sept. 17	Hans-Taro Eric Dowst	Sunapee
	Sayoko Miyoshi	Osaka, Japan
Sept. 18	Jacques D. Castle	Sunapee
	Pamela A. King	New London
Sept. 18	Edward Thomas Hapgood III	New York City, NY
	Siobhan Marie McGovern	New York City, NY
Sept. 18	Bradford Fox Hancock	Woodstock, NY
	Laurie Ann Beecroft	Woodstock, NY
Sept. 18	Peter John White	Sunapee
	Terri Sue Jillson	Sunapee
Sept. 23	Dean Alan Benson	Sunapee
	Joy Ann Mandigo	Newport
Sept. 25	Sean Ross McFarland	Sunapee
	Kimberly Jean Dee	Sunapee
Sept. 25	Charles Geoffrey Perry	Bourne, MA
	Karen Marie Kabaniec	Bourne, MA
Oct. 2	Travis Lee Shumway	Sunapee
	Nina Louise Albano	Sunapee
Oct. 9	Aaron Joshua Lamb	Georges Mills
	Laurie Ann Ransom	Georges Mills
Oct. 10	Jeffrey Alan Reed	Sunapee
	Meagan Elise Currier	Georges Mills
Oct. 16	Keith Allan Rustemeyer	Madison, CT
	Cameron Ensley Wheat	Madison, CT
Oct. 23	Scott Michael Goodspeed	Sunapee
	Korrie Ann Onnela	Sunapee
Oct. 23	David W. Chaves	Sunapee
	Cynthia Morse Laro	Sunapee
Oct. 23	John G. Diemar	Georges Mills
	Jody L. Radkewich	Georges Mills
Nov. 20	Christopher Raymond Leonard	Sunapee
	Holly Anne McNamara	Sunapee
Dec. 18	Robert C. Williams, Jr.	Springfield
	Brenda G. Laurie	Springfield
Dec. 31	Gordon Irving Woffewden	Westminster, VT
	Gladys Elizabeth Wright	Newport, NH

I hereby certify the above returns to be correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty H. Ramspott, Town Clerk & Tax Collector

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE
January 1 through December 31, 1999

DATE	CHILD	PLACE	MOTHER/FATHER
Jan. 6	Mark Ambrose O'Mara	New London	Lori O'Mara Douglas O'Mara
Feb. 19	Hannah Jeanne Elder	Claremont	Kimberly Elder Shawn Elder
Feb. 27	Abigail Joy Downey	Lebanon	Heather Downey Joseph Downey
Mar. 4	Connor Austin Halpin Fleury	Lebanon	Patricia Halpin Timothy Fleury
Mar. 14	Tristin David Trysulski	New London	Joanne Trybulski David Trybulski
Mar. 18	Gage Ezekiel Buchanan	New London	Lori Buchanan Donel Buchanan
Apr. 30	William Clark Austin	Concord	Lisa Austin William Austin
Apr. 30	Eric Gordon Scheuch	New London	Sara Scheuch Jonathan Scheuch
May 13	Daniel David Santti	New London	Erika Davis Daniel Santti
May 17	Olivia Marie Morcom	Lebanon	Lisa Morcom Travis Morcom
May 28	Jessica Anne Parsons	New London	Sharon Parsons James Parsons
May 28	Danielle Marie Usko	New London	Julie Usko Mark Usko
May 30	Marian Grace Rumley	Lebanon	Julie Rumley Mark Rumley
June 8	Henry Andrew Vincent	Lebanon	Kelly Vincent Brian Vincent
June 25	Nathaniel Endicott Emery	Lebanon	Lela Emery Brian Emery
July 4	Samantha Nicole Dodge	New London	Darlene Dodge Jeremy Dodge
July 10	Sawyer Zane Bergeron	New London	Cherianne Bergeron Alan Bergeron
July 26	Andrew Ryan Wallace	Lebanon	Lydia Wallace Keith Wallace

DATE	CHILD	PLACE	MOTHER/FATHER
Aug. 7	Renee Danielle Brandon	Lebanon	Maureen Brandon Bruce Brandon
Sep. 17	Samantha Rose Dipietro	New London	Melinda Dipietro Mark Dipietro
Oct. 4	Patrick David Dolan Billham	Lebanon	Laura Dolan David Billham
Nov. 5	Michael Edward Geary	Claremont	Heidi Geary John Geary
Nov. 6	Mary Catherine Gurney	Claremont	Rhonda Swinyer Mark Gurney
Nov. 23	Logan Ryan Ellison	Claremont	Crystal Ellison Daniel Ellison
Dec. 10	Suzanne Elaine Rickard	Lebanon	Elaine Rickard Kevin Rickard

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Respectfully submitted, Betty H. Ramspott, Town Clerk & Tax Collector

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE **January 1 through December 31, 1999**

DATE	NAME	PLACE	MOTHER/FATHER
Jan. 1	Assunta C. Digilio	Portsmouth	Rosina Marchese Angelo Covelli
Jan. 13	Eleanor D. Whitney	Goffstown	Eleanor Schwabe William Fitzsimons
Jan. 22	Kathleen A. Allen	New London	Grace Shepardson Peter Kerrigan
Feb. 11	Raymond A. Gilchrist	Lebanon	Florence Unknown Arthur Gilchrist
Feb. 21	Catherine F. Stevenson	New London	Lillian O'Connell James McAuley
Mar. 3	Frank Hartwell Simpson II	Sunapee	Marita Gale Harold Taylor Simpson
Mar. 25	Pauline B. Beal	New London	Hope Smith Wilfrid Duckworth
Mar. 29	Helga Helena Anderson	Sunapee	Anna Heikkinen Victor Haverinen
May 2	William Colby Beal	Sunapee	Grace Moulton Eugene C. Beal

DATE	NAME	PLACE	MOTHER/FATHER
May 10	Arthur A. Hastings	Lebanon	Ruth Pinney Arlyn Hastings
May 11	Leonard O. Kaino	New London	Elezabeth Niemeia Oiva Kaino
May 14	Pauline Florence Boudon	Sunapee	Ilene Sullivan Paul R. Hodges
May 17	Leon Chester Rollins Sr.	Sunapee	Addie Goodnew Charles Rollins
May 17	Ruth Williams	New London	Nellie Cooley Robert Gilkerson
July 11	William Kenneth Kuhnle	Georges Mills	Genevieve A. Paulsen William Fred Kuhnle
July 20	James Alan Beckman	Sunapee	Minna Mehlberg Lawrence E. Beckman
July 23	Stephen M. Pashkowsky	New London	Stella Hurey John Pashkowsky
July 27	Kenneth C. Kendall	New London	Gertrude Roberts Charles Kendall
Aug. 20	Lorimer A. MacKenzie	Lebanon	Della Astle Lorimer MacKenzie
Aug. 24	Marion B. Dodge	Warner	Christine Sinclair Lyman Gray
Oct. 17	Cheney H. Williams	New London	Fanny Cheney John Williams
Nov. 8	Maurice Hamel	New London	Margaret Campbell Charles Hamel
Nov. 9	George Eberhardt	New London	Louise Unknown George Eberhardt
Dec. 2	Grace Gissler	Sunapee	Antoinette Violenti Joseph Trupia
Dec. 2	Catherine L. Harold	New London	Lillian Deaver Charles Frye

I hereby certify the above returns to be correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Respectfully submitted, Betty H. Ramspott, Town Clerk & Tax Collector

1999 CEMETERY REPORT

Burials

Date	Name	Cemetery	Lot
January 22	Allen, Kathleen	New East	98B #3
February 11	Gilchrist, Raymond	New East	62A #2
March 29	Anderson, Helga	South	63 #3
April 10	Porter, William	New East	85A #1
May 10	Hastings, Arthur	Perkins	8 #2
May 12	Flanders, Nancy	South	54 #3
June 1	Goff, Beatrice	Old East Ext	9 #2
July 10	Frederick, Cameron Lillian	New East	95A #4
December 2	Gissler, Grace	New East	99B #2

Cremations

Date	Name	Cemetery	Lot
June 12, 1996	Dempsey, Nina Marion	New East	10A #2
February 21	Stevenson, Catherine	New East	75B #2
March 3	Simpson, Frank	Colby	
March 9	Manning, Donald	Old East Ext	4 #1
May 5	Faucher, Jane	New East	83A #4
May 11	Kaino, Leonard	New East	37A #2
August 24	Dodge, Marion	New East	36B #3
August 31	Kallinick, Bertha Hill	New East	13A #3
October 6	Wright, Mary	South	41 #3
November 2	Kierstead, Mildred	Old East Ext	7 #3
November 8	Hamel, Maurice	New East	12A #4
December 4	Melson, Julia	South	34 #3

EXECUTIVE ORGANIZATION

SUNAPEE SCHOOL BOARD

Christine Stoddard, Chairperson	Term expires 2000
Jolyon Johnson, Vice Chairperson	Term expires 2001
Shaun Carroll, Jr.	Term expires 2001
Virginia Feeney	Term expires 2000
Dana Whipple	Term expires 2000

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #43 OFFICERS

Christine Stoddard, Chairperson	Sunapee
Holly Harrison, Vice Chairperson	Newport
Lorraine Newcomb, Secretary	Croydon
Leslie Hutchins, Treasurer	Croydon

OFFICERS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Moderator	Harry Gale
Clerk	Betty Ramspott
Treasurer	Alan Doherty

ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent of Schools	Dr. William J. Gauthier
Assistant Superintendent	Dr. Marilyn B. Brannigan
Special Needs Director	P. Joy Kiely
Business Administrator	James Fenn
Office Personnel	Beth Laramie
	Joyce Merrow
	Lynn Oakes
	Krystyna Samiec
Truant Officer	Alan J. Soucy
School Nurses	Marilyn McLaughlin
	Marilyn Sherman

**SUNAPEE SCHOOL DISTRICT
WARRANT ARTICLES
SCHOOL YEAR 2001**

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Sunapee qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the David W. Sherburne Gymnasium located on Route 11, in said Sunapee, on Tuesday February 8, 2000 at 7:00 PM for the first session of the annual School District Meeting, to deliberate upon the articles, and to meet again at the David W. Sherburne Gymnasium located on Route 11, in said Sunapee, New Hampshire on Tuesday, March 14, 2000 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM for the second session of the Annual School District Meeting, to vote by ballot upon the following articles.

ARTICLE 1

To choose a moderator, clerk, and treasurer for the ensuing year and to choose one member of the School Board for the ensuing three years and one member of the School Board for the ensuing one year.

ARTICLE 2

To hear reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE 3

Shall the Sunapee School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purpose set forth therein, totaling \$5,928,627.00? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$5,791,366.00, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Sunapee School District or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Note: Warrant Article #3 (Operating Budget) does not include appropriations under any other warrant article.)

(School Board recommends approval)

(Budget Advisory Committee does not recommend approval)

ARTICLE 4

Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate up to twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) to be added to the school district Special Education Trust Fund previously established, with such amount to be funded from the year end undesignated fund balance available on June 30, 2000.

(School Board recommends approval)

(Budget Advisory Committee recommends approval)

ARTICLE 5

Shall the School District purchase a full size school bus and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$58,000.00 for this purpose.

(School Board recommends approval)

(Budget Advisory Committee recommends approval)

ARTICLE 6

Shall the School District repair the windows and roof of the Sunapee Central Elementary School and raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000.00 for this purpose.

(School Board recommends approval)

(Budget Advisory Committee recommends approval)

ARTICLE 7

Shall the School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 and place said funds into the School Facilities Capital Reserve Fund? (A vote at an annual school district meeting is required in order to spend any funds from this Capital Reserve Fund)

(School Board recommends approval)

(Budget Advisory Committee recommends approval)

ARTICLE 8

Shall the School District vote to authorize the school board to enter into a three year lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of lease/purchasing computer technology, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,500.00 for the current lease payment, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,500.00 as a one time expense for related computer software and hardware. Total requested expenditure for school year 2000-2001 is \$38,000.00. This lease agreement contains an "escape" clause.

(School Board recommends approval)

(Budget Advisory Committee does not recommend approval)

ARTICLE 9

Shall the School District make certain repairs to the Sherburne Gym as detailed in the District's capital improvements plan for 2000/2001 and raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 for this purpose.

(School Board recommends approval)

(Budget Advisory Committee recommends approval)

ARTICLE 10

Shall the School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$48,000.00 as a deficit appropriation to be added to the 1999-2000 school budget to cover the increase in the special education costs.

(School Board recommends approval)

(Budget Advisory Committee recommends approval)

ARTICLE 11

Shall the School District raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$125,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing the Sorento property, map 22 lot 29 of the Town of Sunapee tax maps, if it becomes available, during fiscal year 2000-2001.

(School Board recommends approval)

(Budget Advisory Committee does not recommend approval)

ARTICLE 12

Shall the School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Sunapee School Board and the Sunapee Teachers' Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

YEAR	ESTIMATED INCREASE
2000-2001	\$84,198.00
2001-2002	\$85,386.00
2002-2003	\$86,967.00

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$84,198.00 for the 2000-2001 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriations at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year.

(School Board recommends approval)

REPORT OF THE SUNAPEE SCHOOL BOARD

This was the first year for five members on the Board and has been very productive. There is a learning curve for anyone joining a Town Board and everyone has worked hard to become familiar with their responsibilities. We felt it necessary with all the business brought forward to increase our meeting from one to two a month. They are the first Tuesday of the month, at the Elementary School, and the third Tuesday of the month, at the Middle-High School.

We have said good-bye to some veteran staff that are missed. We wish them all well in their new lives. We have also welcomed new staff and hope they enjoy our schools and community.

This year we have been busy with accreditation process at the Middle-High School. The accreditation process will come to an end in May when the visiting team comes here to Sunapee. This process requires months of work by our school staff and volunteers, including residents and students. The effort from all involved has been tremendous.

After months of negotiations the Board and Teacher Association have agreed on an equitable contract and we hope you will support it.

The budget process starts in May with the major concerns the first to be considered for the next year's budget. This continues until September with dialogue among the SAU, Principals, and staff. The Board directs the SAU and Principals, to a percentage increase to the budget after hearing the different schools' proposals. This year it was difficult as we are starting to address Capital Improvements and neglected maintenance. The SAU Business Manager has drafted a five-year Capital Improvement Plan, when reviewed and revised will be adopted by the Board. The goal of the Board is to bring forth a fiscally responsible budget that does not compromise the education of our children.

As a Board we have actively presented our budget and requested questions and concerns. This budget accomplished the goals of the District and hopes you will continue to support our children's education through your vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Stoddard
Jolyon Johnson
Shaun Carroll
Virginia "Koko" Feeney
Dana Whipple

Superintendent's Report

*The mission of SAU 43 is
to support and help build the instruction in schools
to provide an education that will prepare students
to be anything they want to be in the future.*

Effective schools collect, utilize, and analyze school data to make improvements in school processes and student learning. This year the SAU has worked with the Sunapee Board of Education to address "quality academics" and work toward a "shared community vision" for the Sunapee School District.

Much effort has been extended and progress has been made toward the success of the School Board goals. It has been a team effort as we have used many kinds of data to develop strategies and reinforce our commitment to high student achievement. The strategies below contributed to the successful outcomes.

- Professional development days were spent helping teachers analyze the NHEIAP scores and identify our areas of instructional strength and areas of instructional need. We looked at collectively class and subject area scores and individual student scores. Then we reflected on our current programs to develop action plans that will improve learning. This process will continue in the schools as teachers link our curricula to the frameworks and raise the standards for all students.
- The new Teacher Evaluation Model is being piloted this year. Full implementation will take place in the year 2000-2001.
- In order to develop rational and cost-conscious budget proposals for the 2000-2001 school year, the SAU and Sunapee School Board examined all aspects of the budget through a systematic process. The result was a five - year capital improvement plan to address needs, a negotiated three- year teachers' contract; a coordinated plan for students who choose to take vocational education courses, and to have written technology grants to include distance learning classes and training for our staff. We have attempted to present and receive feedback from the community by holding meetings with several community groups, parent organizations, town officials, and students. It is our hope to continue to improve the process and to communicate effectively with our constituents.
- Special Education continues to pose a challenge. Our new director has a clear vision and a strong belief in educating our students in the Sunapee schools. We are well into our first year of a five-year improvement plan. The plan was developed as a result of an on-site audit and year-long self evaluation process.

The goal of this administration is to continue to provide a continuum of services to meet the various needs of the students. We are always looking for ways to improve our delivery of special education services.

The SAU staff welcomes your involvement in our efforts to continuously improve the Sunapee Schools. We cannot be complacent. Our schools do a great job. We can always be better. Thank you for your support during the 1999-2000 school year. Let's do it together!

William J. Gauthier, Ph.D
Superintendent

Marilyn B. Brannigan, Ph.D.
Assistant Superintendent

James C. Fenn
Business Administrator

P. Joy Kiely
Special Education Director

SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT

The SAU #43 IDEA Team was formed last year to review the special education programs in Newport, Croydon and Sunapee. District special education staff along with the SAU #43 school board became involved in the review process to determine how well we deliver special education services and to identify areas of improvement. Some of the many areas of strength that have been identified are:

- Hard working and dedicated staff
- High academic expectations for all students
- Discharging students based on progress
- Positive regard for special education students
- Paraprofessionals are valued and expected to work with the most challenging students with limited training
- Wide range of disabilities served
- Staff committed to making inclusion work
- Collegial respect and collaboration with limited time

In March of 1999 a team formed of educators from districts throughout New Hampshire reviewed our files and records and interviewed staff members, parents and students. Repeatedly, the visiting onsite team praised staff at each school on their commitment to students and their success. Information gathered from the the three day onsite audit assisted the SAU #43 IDEA team in developing a plan for improvement.

We are now well into our first year of a five year improvement plan that was shaped by special education and regular education staff members from SAU #43. A final report was derived from results gathered in the year long study and an action plan has been generated. Our five year improvement plan focuses on five areas:

1. Training and supervision
2. Consistency of paperwork
3. Parent Communication
4. Program supports
5. Transitions between schools, between grades, and into the community

Community based special education committees throughout SAU #43 are in the process of being formed or are already underway and are facilitating the implementation of the action plan with regards to all five areas of improvement. Activities currently in process focus on parent communication, the need for consistency of paperwork as well as staff development for regular and special education staff. Committee members bring results of their work to building level teams.

The building level special education teams are working hard to solidify their effectiveness in the areas of providing training and supervision to paraprofessionals. Special educators are collaborating with all staff regarding classroom interventions, the evaluation of students, and provision of appropriate services for all students as they make transitions between schools, grades and into the community. All five areas have begun to be addressed; improvement will be ongoing.

The Valley Area Special Education Collaborative of SAU #60, #6 and #43 continues to share regional resources. The directors of special education are expanding the program to include an elementary level to the established middle school collaborative program. The directors meet monthly to assess needs and discuss future plans.

The goal of this administration is to continue to provide a continuum of services to meet the various needs of the students we educate. We are improving and expanding existing programs when and where it is necessary. To this end we have expanded our own onsite behavior program at the Newport Middle High School in order to minimize the out-of-district placements for behaviorally challenged students. We are currently studying programs throughout SAU #43 as we implement the action plan and look for ways to improve our delivery of special education services. In addition, we are committed to meeting the needs for all students by establishing high standards and fostering high student achievement.

Respectfully Submitted,

P. Joy Kiely, M.Ed.
Director of Special Education

**SUNAPEE DISTRICT PERSONNEL
SUNAPEE MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL**

NAME	POSITION	TRAINING INSTITUTION	DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE	YEARS IN EDUCATION	YEARS IN SUNAPEE
Thomas Withan	Principal	Salem State College	M.Ed.	31	2
Holly Norton	Assistant Principal	Bowling Green State Univ.	M.Ed.	16	1
Marilyn Austin	Special Education	Rutgers University	Ph.D	14	8
Gail G. Baade	Spanish/Art	University of New Mexico	MA	25	6
Brent Baker	MS Science	St. Lawrence University	BS	4	4
David Barry	Physical Education	Plymouth State	BS	29	29
Ronald Beaudet	Mathematics	Keene State College	BS	25	25
Richard Byrne	English	Webster College	MA	1	8
Sharoh Christie	Home Economics	U. Mass. - Amherst	BS	9	1
John Dargie	Science	Plymouth State	MS	32	27
Laura Davis	French	University of NH	MA	29 1/2	29
James Field	English	Keene State College	M. Ed.	31	31
John Gosselin	Industrial Arts	Keene State College	BS	24	24
Karen Gosselin	Business Education	Plymouth State	BS	24	24
James Grenier	Mathematics/Physics	Worcester Poly Tech.	MS	24	19
Sandra Guest	Librarian/Elem/MHS	University of Pittsburgh	MLS	22	20
Linda Houston	Special Education	Plymouth State College	BS	20	1
Jack Iacopino	Science	University of NH	BS	3	4
Laura Kessler	Social Studies	Notre Dame College	MA	8	6
Corinne Levasseur	Middle School	Keene State College	BS	6	6
Lyra Neville	Mathematics	University of New Mexico	MA	16	2
Janice M. Porter	English	University of NH	BA	7	4
Alan Peterson	Music/Elem/MHS	University of NH	BS	25	24
Patricia Pflanz	Social Studies	Keene State College	M. Ed.	14	14
Ellen Pysz	Middle School	Antioch/NE University	MA	31	30
Meagan Reed	Social Studies	University of N. Carolina	BS	2	2
Donald Roberts	Guidance	Western State College	MA	25	16
Michelle Rogers	Spanish	Rivier College	MA	8	2
Alan Shulman	Special Education	Rivier College	M.Ed.	9	1
Marcia C. Spencer	Social Studies	Yale University	MA	25	5

SUNAPEE CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Deborah Gibbens	Principal	Notre Dame College	M. Ed.	16	4
Muriel Bergeron	Grade 2	Antioch/NE University	M. Ed.	12	10
Valerie Blachley	Special Education	New England College	BS	9	1
Charlotte Carlson	Grade 2	University of S. Maine	MS	23	29
Bonnie Cruz	Physical Education	Springfield College	BS	7	4
Marianne Doherty	Grade 1	Antioch/NE University	M. Ed.	13	13
Anna Duke	Grade 5	Plymouth State	B.EDD	38	38
Mary-Chris Duncan	Counselor	Regis College/Notre Dame	M. Ed.	13	3
Brenda Huff	Grade 1	University of NH	M. Ed.	27	17
Stephanie Hubert	Special Education	Keene State College	BS	5	1
Michael Kennedy	Grade 3	Keene State College	BS	22	21
Pamela Larpenter	Grade 3	University of NH	BS	15	12
Kimberly L. Perkins	Art	Plymouth State College	BS	4	3

SUNAPEE CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (cont.)

NAME	POSITION	TRAINING INSTITUTION	DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE	YEARS IN EDUCATION	YEARS IN SUNAPEE
Grace Rechisky	Multi-age	Antioch/NE University	M.Ed.	15	12
Cheryl Roberts	Grade 4	Antioch/NE University	M.Ed.	18	16
Deborah L. Shapiro	Grade 2	Colby Sawyer College	BS	4	3
Kathleen Skinner	Reading	Vanderbilt University	Ed.D	28	1
Pamela E. Stiller	Special Education	Bridgewater State College	BS	6	3
Joanne Skarin	Grade 5	Notre Dame	M.Ed.	13	10
Joanne Tuxbury	Grade 4	Keene State College	M.Ed.	30	23
Pam Maurer-Waltzer	Band				

NURSES

Marilyn Sherman	Middle High School
Marilyn McLaughlin	Elementary School

SECRETARIES

Joan Chandler	Elementary School
Kathryn Ward	Elementary School
Darlene Morse	Middle High School
Janet Scharff	Middle High School

BUS DRIVERS

James Kizis
Martha Hill
Kelly Shultz
William Roth
Sue Webb

TITLE I PERSONNEL

Elizabeth Halverson	Agnes Slavin
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CUSTODIANS

Robert Abraham	Part-time /High School
Roland Akkola	Elementary
Eugene Lamer	Elementary
Douglas MacWilliam	Elementary
Wade Marbach	High School
Robert Mills	High School
Michael Newton	High School
William Roth	Supervisor, Building & Transportation

RELATED SERVICES

Daniel Hudkins	Technology Coordinator
Barbara Lague	Speech Language Pathologist
Caite Linehan	Psychotherapist
Kandra Palmer	Certified Occup Therapy Asst.
Joseph Rapalje	School Psychologist

FOOD SERVICE

Valerie Sanborn	Director
Alona Drew	HS/Elementary
Barbara Lamer	Elementary
Pamela J. Quimby	Elementary
Sandra Richardson	High School

SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSISTANTS

Deborah Allen	Siobhan O'Shea
Susan Bass	Michel Peltz
Sandra Byrne	Nalani Porter
Susan Catsam	Jenny Lynn Rowell
Jean Chandler	Judith Ryan
Carol Coolbeth	Laurie Schmidt
Deborah Fifield	Barbara Simeone
Barbara Gering	Tina Snelling
Kathy Gray	Pamela Stocker
Sue Hamel	Stacy Tyo
Linda McLaughlin	Donnalee Thomas
Jennnifer Merrill	Donna Van Den Berg
Jessie Milne	Sue Webb
Wendy Munn	

AIDES

Patricia Adams	Library
Joyce Internicola	Library
Elizabeth Trainor	Cafeteria/Multi-age

ENROLLMENT
September 2, 1998

SCHOOL GRADE		NO. OF PUPILS	SCHOOL TOTAL
Sunapee Elementary	Kindergarten	39	
	1	30	
	2	39	
	3	35	
	4	44	
	5	38	
	6	52	277
Junior High School	7	52	
	8	45	97
High School	9	61	
	10	58	
	11	60	
	12	42	221
Total Pupils enrolled in all schools:			<hr/> 595

SAU 43
FISCAL YEAR 2001
ADOPTED BUDGET

	FY 1999 BUDGET	FY 1999 ACTUAL	FY 2000 BUDGET	FY 2001 BOARD ADOPTED
APPROPRIATIONS				
WAGES	\$344,145.00	\$347,169.86	\$345,216.00	\$385,567.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$90,786.00	\$97,349.79	\$101,894.00	\$120,250.00
PURCHASED SERVICES	\$5,000.00	\$4,820.40	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
PURCHASED PROPERTY SERV	\$22,670.00	\$29,316.57	\$24,120.00	\$30,760.00
OTHER PURCHASED SERV	\$20,100.00	\$16,785.06	\$16,400.00	\$18,400.00
SUPPLIES	\$8,500.00	\$9,330.97	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
PROPERTY	\$0.00	\$8,282.57	\$1,200.00	\$2,500.00
DUES & FEES	\$4,500.00	\$3,495.71	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00
TOTAL	\$495,701.00	\$516,550.93	\$512,330.00	\$580,977.00
REVENUES				
DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS	\$471,404.12	\$471,404.12	\$488,320.00	\$545,682.00
INTEREST INCOME	\$0.00	\$568.84	\$1,300.00	\$600.00
CO-PAY INSURANCE	\$5,211.88	\$4,542.12	\$6,710.00	\$9,010.00
OTHER MISC REVENUES	<u>\$19,085.00</u>	<u>\$8,861.67</u>	<u>\$15,000.00</u>	<u>\$25,685.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	\$495,701.00	\$485,376.75	\$511,330.00	\$580,977.00
ALLOCATIONS				
CROYDON	\$16,061.85	\$16,061.85	\$15,304.48	\$16,468.39
NEWPORT	\$241,536.53	\$241,536.53	\$249,597.94	\$282,550.50
SUNAPEE	<u>\$213,805.74</u>	<u>\$213,805.74</u>	<u>\$223,417.58</u>	<u>\$246,663.11</u>
TOTAL ALLOCATIONS	\$471,404.12	\$471,404.12	\$488,320.00	\$545,682.00

**SUNAPEE SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT**

As of June 30, 1999

	Middle/High School Addition
Date of Issue	July 15, 1997
Original Amount	\$4,054,000.00
Annual Maturity Date	August 1
Interest Payable	February 1 August 1
First payment date	August 1, 1998
Final payment date	August 1, 2012
Annual Principal	\$ 270,000.00
Amount Outstanding, June 30, 1999	\$3,780,000.00

SUNAPEE SCHOOL DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 2001
BUDGET PROPOSAL

01/21/00

ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	FY 1999 BUDGET	FY 1999 ACTUAL	FY 2000 BUDGET	FY 2001 BOARD ADOPTED
01-11000	REGULAR INSTRUCTION				
	WAGES - TEACHERS	\$1,520,955.00	\$1,524,859.76	\$1,528,812.00	\$1,517,960.00
	WAGES - AIDES	\$20,185.00	\$35,404.77	\$23,565.00	\$25,705.00
	WAGES - SUBSTITUTES	\$14,000.00	\$39,137.47	\$33,500.00	\$43,000.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$400,040.00	\$451,659.86	\$470,935.00	\$452,825.00
	PURCHASED SERVICES	\$16,995.73	\$14,068.40	\$14,520.00	\$17,000.00
	SUPPLIES & TEXTS	\$100,861.80	\$100,705.04	\$104,710.00	\$111,177.00
	PROPERTY	<u>\$16,670.00</u>	<u>\$11,202.72</u>	<u>\$11,055.00</u>	<u>\$19,825.00</u>
	TOTAL 11000 ACCTS	\$2,089,707.53	\$2,177,038.02	\$2,187,097.00	\$2,187,492.00
01-12100	SPECIAL EDUCATION				
	WAGES - TEACHERS	\$211,402.00	\$237,317.83	\$184,960.00	\$225,440.00
	WAGES - AIDES	\$255,534.00	\$189,778.57	\$309,550.00	\$358,995.00
	WAGES - SPED BUS DRIVER	\$8,250.00	\$3,786.69	\$11,605.00	\$9,640.00
	WAGES - SUBSTITUTES	\$6,500.00	\$4,664.28	\$6,500.00	\$8,450.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$151,355.00	\$156,655.97	\$175,265.00	\$249,040.00
	PURCHASED SERVICES	\$0.00	\$879.81	\$0.00	\$0.00
	TUITION (SPED & PRESCHOOL)	\$88,775.00	\$132,401.39	\$107,445.00	\$137,680.00
	SUPPLIES	\$4,860.00	\$5,058.23	\$4,925.00	\$5,425.00
	PROPERTY	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$1,554.95</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
	TOTAL 12100 ACCTS	\$726,676.00	\$732,097.72	\$800,250.00	\$995,170.00
01-12200	RELATED SERVICES				
	WAGES - TEACHERS	\$169,700.00	\$165,233.99	\$145,335.00	\$139,685.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$52,865.00	\$38,621.48	\$47,290.00	\$45,000.00
	PURCHASED SERVICES	\$17,250.00	\$17,162.62	\$10,300.00	\$15,500.00
	SUPPLIES	<u>\$1,650.00</u>	<u>\$866.43</u>	<u>\$1,750.00</u>	<u>\$2,750.00</u>
	TOTAL 12200 ACCTS	\$241,465.00	\$221,884.52	\$204,675.00	\$202,935.00
01-13000	VOCATIONAL EDUCATION				
	WAGES - BUS DRIVER	\$8,925.00	\$12,762.48	\$7,950.00	\$11,125.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$0.00	\$868.83	\$9,435.00	\$9,470.00
	TUITION	<u>\$11,000.00</u>	<u>\$10,874.50</u>	<u>\$9,000.00</u>	<u>\$12,500.00</u>
	TOTAL 13000 ACCTS	\$19,925.00	\$24,505.81	\$26,385.00	\$33,095.00
01-14000	COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES				
	WAGES - SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	\$28,826.20	\$13,573.48	\$36,009.00	\$39,595.00
	WAGES - ATHLETICS	\$45,158.80	\$54,594.07	\$47,000.00	\$52,560.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$8,930.00	\$5,994.67	\$10,655.00	\$10,390.00
	PURCHASED SERVICES	\$7,000.00	\$4,350.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
	SUPPLIES	\$3,845.00	\$2,887.88	\$4,550.00	\$5,300.00
	ATHLETICS	\$26,900.00	\$24,321.22	\$26,565.00	\$30,526.00
	PROPERTY	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	TOTAL 14000 ACCTS	\$120,660.00	\$105,721.32	\$131,779.00	\$145,371.00
01-21200	GUIDANCE				
	WAGES - COUNSELORS	\$82,975.00	\$59,928.43	\$82,925.00	\$102,574.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$11,660.00	\$8,049.60	\$13,095.00	\$14,960.00
	SUPPLIES	\$4,275.00	\$3,883.53	\$3,700.00	\$8,875.00
	PROPERTY	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	TOTAL 21200 ACCTS	\$98,910.00	\$71,861.56	\$99,720.00	\$126,409.00

ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	FY 1999 BUDGET	FY 1999 ACTUAL	FY 2000 BUDGET	FY 2001 BOARD ADOPTED
01-21300	HEALTH SERVICES				
	WAGES - NURSES	\$53,445.00	\$53,736.36	\$53,840.00	\$64,330.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$16,840.00	\$15,462.22	\$18,615.00	\$18,370.00
	PURCHASED SERVICES	\$350.00	\$100.00	\$350.00	\$580.00
	SUPPLIES	\$2,500.00	\$2,415.93	\$2,050.00	\$2,600.00
	PROPERTY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL 21300 ACCTS	\$73,135.00	\$71,714.51	\$74,855.00	\$85,880.00
01-22130	SUPPORT SERVICES				
	WAGES - SUBSTITUTES	\$2,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$2,600.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$155.00	\$91.84	\$155.00	\$200.00
	PROF. DEVELOPMENT	\$16,850.00	\$11,804.30	\$19,900.00	\$19,900.00
	CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT	\$2,050.00	\$2,045.00	\$3,000.00	\$4,000.00
	TOTAL 22130 ACCTS	\$21,055.00	\$15,141.14	\$23,055.00	\$26,700.00
01-22200	MEDIA SERVICES				
	WAGES - LIBRARIAN	\$47,980.00	\$48,126.30	\$48,810.00	\$48,515.00
	WAGES - AIDES	\$24,125.00	\$22,686.16	\$24,850.00	\$26,245.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$25,065.00	\$22,860.36	\$27,455.00	\$27,955.00
	PURCHASED SERVICES	\$2,900.00	\$1,502.14	\$2,275.00	\$4,075.00
	SUPPLIES	\$6,000.00	\$5,427.18	\$5,000.00	\$7,000.00
	BOOKS & PERIODICALS	\$12,250.00	\$11,567.26	\$10,750.00	\$12,550.00
	PROPERTY	\$6,510.00	\$6,046.73	\$1,775.00	\$3,610.00
	TOTAL 22200 ACCTS	\$124,830.00	\$118,216.13	\$120,915.00	\$129,950.00
01-22250	TECHNOLOGY				
	PURCHASED SERVICES	\$11,655.00	\$8,247.11	\$11,655.00	\$27,950.00
	SUPPLIES	\$7,030.00	\$5,884.85	\$6,555.00	\$8,235.00
	PROPERTY	\$0.00	\$940.68	\$0.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL 22250 ACCTS	\$18,685.00	\$15,072.64	\$18,210.00	\$36,185.00
01-23100	SCHOOL BOARD/ELECTIONS				
	WAGES	\$3,450.00	\$3,460.00	\$4,650.00	\$4,700.00
	PURCHASED SERVICES	\$14,875.00	\$24,109.86	\$26,195.00	\$25,000.00
	SUPPLIES	\$2,000.00	\$2,088.17	\$2,000.00	\$2,100.00
	DUES & FEES	\$0.00	\$2,945.48	\$0.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL 23100 ACCTS	\$20,325.00	\$32,603.51	\$32,845.00	\$31,800.00
01-23210	SAU SERVICES				
	SAU ALLOCATION	\$213,810.00	\$213,805.76	\$223,420.00	\$249,435.00
	TOTAL 23210 ACCTS	\$213,810.00	\$213,805.76	\$223,420.00	\$249,435.00
01-24100	OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL				
	WAGES - PRINCIPALS	\$164,650.00	\$179,846.35	\$174,745.00	\$179,160.00
	WAGES - SECRETARIAL	\$63,840.00	\$66,556.89	\$66,438.00	\$70,645.00
	PAY EQUALIZATION	\$22,225.00	\$0.00	\$34,395.00	\$30,000.00
	COMPUTER COORDINATOR	\$27,840.00	\$30,340.18	\$31,250.00	\$36,050.00
	ATHLETIC DIRECTOR	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$28,000.00	\$28,840.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$86,780.00	\$83,037.25	\$92,560.00	\$97,165.00
	PURCHASED SERVICES	\$24,497.50	\$18,754.99	\$31,755.00	\$25,680.00
	SUPPLIES	\$6,150.00	\$5,011.67	\$6,150.00	\$7,150.00
	PROPERTY	\$10,579.97	\$9,911.62	\$2,025.00	\$2,500.00
	DUES & FEES	\$5,345.00	\$4,568.20	\$5,460.00	\$5,660.00
	TOTAL 24100 ACCTS	\$411,907.47	\$398,027.15	\$472,778.00	\$482,850.00

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION NUMBER	FY 1999 BUDGET	FY 1999 ACTUAL	FY 2000 BUDGET	FY 2001 BOARD ADOPTED
01-26000 OPERATION & PLANT MANAGEMENT				
WAGES - CUSTODIANS	\$133,185.00	\$130,276.99	\$145,310.00	\$148,985.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$32,095.00	\$45,581.08	\$42,725.00	\$53,055.00
PURCHASED SERVICES	\$30,035.00	\$21,955.70	\$32,535.00	\$33,035.00
PURCHASED PROPERTY SERV	\$45,580.00	\$41,957.68	\$45,680.00	\$56,590.00
SUPPLIES	\$137,045.00	\$140,681.08	\$138,535.00	\$155,650.00
PROPERTY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
CONTINGENCY	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
TOTAL 26000 ACCTS	\$378,440.00	\$380,452.53	\$405,785.00	\$451,315.00
01-27000 PUPIL TRANSPORTATION				
WAGES - BUS DRIVERS	\$50,125.00	\$46,080.26	\$52,000.00	\$47,030.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$8,350.00	\$18,146.58	\$8,604.00	\$7,685.00
PURCHASED SERVICES	\$9,800.00	\$4,690.25	\$8,550.00	\$8,100.00
PURCHASED PROPERTY SERV	\$7,235.00	\$7,170.89	\$6,500.00	\$7,500.00
SUPPLIES	\$6,060.00	\$6,099.08	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
FUEL/OIL	<u>\$7,300.00</u>	<u>\$6,746.47</u>	<u>\$7,500.00</u>	<u>\$7,500.00</u>
TOTAL 27000 ACCTS	\$88,870.00	\$88,933.53	\$90,654.00	\$85,315.00
01-31900 LUNCH PROGRAM				
WAGES - AIDES	\$5,994.00	\$5,994.00	\$6,855.00	\$7,075.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$505.00	\$496.90	\$570.00	\$590.00
CONTINGENCY	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL 31900 ACCTS	\$6,499.00	\$6,490.90	\$7,425.00	\$7,665.00
01-45000 WARRANT ARTICLES				
WARRANT ARTICLES	<u>\$187,300.00</u>	<u>\$187,300.00</u>	<u>\$126,000.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL 45000 ACCTS	\$187,300.00	\$187,300.00	\$126,000.00	\$0.00
01-51100 DEBT SERVICE				
DEBT - PRINCIPAL	\$274,000.00	\$274,000.00	\$270,000.00	\$270,000.00
DEBT - INTEREST	<u>\$180,450.00</u>	<u>\$180,450.00</u>	<u>\$168,210.00</u>	<u>\$156,060.00</u>
TOTAL 51100 ACCTS	\$454,450.00	\$454,450.00	\$438,210.00	\$426,060.00
SUB TOTALS	\$5,296,650.00	\$5,315,316.75	\$5,484,058.00	\$5,703,627.00
 FOOD SERVICE	 \$115,000.00	 \$171,290.00	 \$139,000.00	 \$175,000.00
FEDERAL PROGRAMS	<u>\$4,500.00</u>	<u>\$11,039.00</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>	<u>\$50,000.00</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$5,416,150.00	\$5,497,645.75	\$5,648,058.00	\$5,928,627.00

SUNAPEE SCHOOL DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 2000
PROJECTED REVENUES

ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	FY 1999 BUDGET	FY 1999 ACTUAL	FY 2000 BUDGET	FY 2001 BOARD ADOPTED
01-01311	TUITION - PARENTS	\$0.00	\$9,457.22	\$6,500.00	\$5,000.00
01-01320	TUITION - NH LEA	\$150,000.00	\$176,765.65	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
01-01322	SPED TUITION - NH LEA	\$34,000.00	\$34,366.48	\$34,000.00	\$22,000.00
01-01342	OTHER SPED REIMBURSEMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
01-01510	EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	\$2,500.00	\$9,903.92	\$2,000.00	\$750.00
01-01990	OTHER LOCAL REVENUE	\$38,500.00	\$9,772.69	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
01-01980	WORKERS' COMP REFUND	\$4,500.00	\$10,854.58	\$4,500.00	\$5,000.00
01-01992	SALE OF MODULAR	\$15,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
01-01991	CO-PAY INS INCOME	\$21,000.00	\$31,298.73	\$52,000.00	\$52,000.00
	FOUNDATIPON AID	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,155,513.00	\$2,155,513.00
01-03120	SHARED REVENUES	\$23,790.00	\$23,790.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
01-03210	BUILDING AID - STATE	\$82,200.00	\$82,200.00	\$82,200.00	\$82,200.00
01-03220	KINDERGARTEN AID - STATE	\$22,500.00	\$23,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
01-03230	CATASTROPHIC AID - STATE	\$0.00	\$123.95	\$0.00	\$0.00
01-03240	VOCATIONAL AID - STATE	\$4,000.00	\$2,662.41	\$3,500.00	\$3,000.00
01-03270	DRIVERS EDUCATION - STATE	\$7,000.00	\$4,350.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
01-03290	OTHER STATE GRANTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
01-04580	MEDICAID REVENUES	\$15,000.00	\$85,966.88	\$32,000.00	\$50,000.00
01-04580	FOOD SERVICE	\$115,000.00	\$163,227.00	\$139,000.00	\$175,000.00
01-04580	FEDERAL GRANTS	\$4,500.00	\$157,906.00	\$25,000.00	\$50,000.00
01-04580	FUND BALANCE	\$0.00	\$38,984.00	\$189,671.00	\$0.00
01-05251	TRANS FROM CAP RESERVE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL NON TAX REVENUES	\$539,490.00	\$872,379.51	\$2,890,384.00	\$2,764,963.00
01-01111	TAX ASSESSMENT	\$4,840,096.00	\$4,840,096.00	\$2,887,345.00	\$3,163,664.00
	TOTAL REVENUES	\$5,379,586.00	\$5,712,475.51	\$5,777,729.00	\$5,928,627.00



Sunapee Central Elementary School

Principal's Report

The 1998-1999 school year was an exciting year for all of us here at the Sunapee Central Elementary School. The school community worked together to continue providing exceptional programming for the Sunapee students. The staff also continued to work on implementation of the State of New Hampshire Curriculum Frameworks and provided consistent curriculum for students.

Volunteerism is always an essential aspect of the work we do in providing excellent opportunities for our students. Sunapee Central was awarded the Blue Ribbon Achievement Award for Volunteerism in the Schools for the third year in a row. This award is given to exemplary volunteer programs in the state of New Hampshire. The volunteers of our school are what make us a unique community that offers diverse programs to students.

SPTO (Sunapee Parent-Teacher Organization) continued to support our programming both by fundraising over \$10,000.00 and by offering many educational opportunities to our students and parents. The executive board headed by Barbara Wheeler focused on involving parents more in our schools. Jack Agati was a lead speaker for one evening as we learned about birth order and different personality traits. Parent workshops also included a child psychologist, nutritionist, and educational evening events for parents and students. There are too many individuals involved to thank each one, but no effort goes unnoticed. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our children.

Learning about the world around us has provided many opportunities for Sunapee students this year. We were fortunate to have a volunteer student intern working with our students teaching French. Mademoiselle Barbieri opened the students' eyes to another language and culture. Continuing along this vein, the SPTO enrichment committee sponsored many diverse programs for our students. Viva Quetzal! , a South American band, was a highlight and visited our school for a residency and final concert at the Newport Opera House.

The teachers and parents worked closely together to provide our second annual math night for students and their parents. This program invites parents and students in for an evening of math activities and fun. Model activities and lessons are provided to encourage parents to "do math" with their children as well as provide a forum to discuss teaching philosophies with our parents.

This year marked our first year of the all day kindergarten program. Visitors to the program are always welcome and encouraged! Staff collected data

and information to analyze the progress of the program and it overwhelmingly proved that we are truly on the right track with our youngest students.

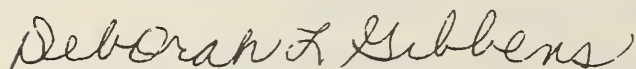
The past year saw several substantial improvements in our continuing work to integrate technology throughout the curriculum. Perhaps the most important of these was the distribution of AlphaSmart keyboards to all of the fourth graders. The fourth and fifth grade staff went through keyboarding instruction (with Mrs. Karen Gosselin) over the summer and began instruction this fall. We hope to extend the program into the fifth grade in the 1999 - 2000 year. As part of our community outreach program, we also continued our Tech for Tots program. Our third graders provided basic computer instruction to area preschoolers. We are halfway through the process of completing our expansion of computer access in the media area so that entire classes can use computers at the same time. The half we already have has permitted some projects as group work by several classes. Internet research skill instruction is beginning in the fourth grade.

Saying good-bye is always difficult, but this year we said good-bye to four staff members that had over 100 years of experience in education. We'd all like to wish a heartfelt thank you to Charles Goyette, Jessica Leavitt, Wenda Nolin, and Agnes Slavin. Their efforts at the Sunapee Central Elementary School were very appreciated.

Never before has it been so exciting to go about the business of teaching and learning. As we refine all that we know and explore the innovations ahead, it is important that our focus remains clear. We are here to teach children how to learn. The mission of the Sunapee Central Elementary school is to empower students to become lifelong learners and contributing members of society by providing intellectual, social, and physical experiences.

Thank you for the privilege to work in such a fine school system and community. It is a pleasure working with a supportive, talented, and professional staff!

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deborah L. Gibbens". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a large 'D' and 'G'.

Deborah L. Gibbens, Principal SCES



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT SUNAPEE MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL

Commencement exercises were conducted on Memorial Field at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, June 11, 1999. Sunapee School Board Chairperson, Christine Stoddard, awarded diplomas to: Stacy Bailey* (*Bentley College*), Justin William Bush (*work*), Jessica Marie Cady⁺ (*Salve Regina*), Janet Marie Caron⁺ (*NH Vocational College, Claremont*), Ryan Peter Christensen (*Prescott College*), Norma Lee Colby (*Plymouth State College*), Jessica Kay Davis (*University of Vermont*), Anya Katherine Farland (*University of New England*), Paul Samuel Franzen (*Wentworth Institute*), Greg Reed Garceau (*Joe Kubert Cartoon School*), Kari Lee Gauthier (*undecided*), Mary Kathleen Grant (*Keene State College*), Shane R. Harrington (*Goddard College*), Heidi Mae Hayward (*New England College*), Georgeana Alice Hill* (*Gettysburg University*), Rachael Ann Huff* (*Air Force*), Tracy Lynn Kimball (*work*), Sonya Jean Lussier (*Keene State College*), Thomas Scott McKenney⁺ (*New England Culinary Institute*), Ryan Dale Miles (*Castleton State College*), Aubrey M. Noyes (*Johnson State College*), Aimée M. Pelletier (*New England College*), Megan Perrotto (*touring*), Benjamin Victor Rechisky (*New England School of Communication*), Jason Paul Ricci (*touring*), Chuck A. Rissala (*work*), Charlene Marie Robbins (*Metropolitan State College of Denver*), Gerald Ulysses Rocha (*St. Joseph's College in Maine*), Katharine Joan Sargent* (*Keene State College*), Sarah Elizabeth Scott (*University of Vermont*), Michael T. Sherman (*touring*), Jessica Ann Stocker* (*Keene State College*), Tara Elizabeth Taylor* (*Bentley College*), Benjamin Thomas Townsend (*work*), Jonathan Charles Tuthill (*Air Force*), Joselin Mae Vance (*University of Massachusetts*), Tiffany Michele Williams* (*Wentworth Institute*), Lindsey Ann Wilson (*Plymouth State College*).

*Member of the National Honor Society

⁺Member of the National Vocational-Technical Honor Society

For the record, awards and scholarships presented at graduation were:

MURVIN A. BAILEY AWARD - Katharine Sargent; **MICKY & DORIS BISHOP** - Mary Grant; **AMANDA MARIE BURRILL MEMORIAL** - Katharine Sargent; **HANK CARLEY INDUSTRIAL ARTS AWARD** - Ryan Miles; **CASTLE HOME INSPECTIONS** - Tiffany Williams; **CHARLES & CARL CLEMENT MEMORIAL** - Janet Caron; **ETHAN S. CLOW MEMORIAL** - Ryan Christensen; **COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF HUMAN SERVICES** - Jessica Cady; **CRICENTI'S MARKET** - Anya Farland, Shane Harrington, Aimée Pelletier, Lindsey Wilson; **JOHN M. & DELLA U. EMERSON** - Sarah Scott, Jessica Stocker; **MARY FELICIA FALZARANO** - Stacy Bailey, Janet Caron, Norma Colby, Heidi Hayward, Aubrey Noyes, Tara Taylor, Tiffany Williams; **CHARLES K. FLINT** - Jessica Stocker; **HIGHLAND FARM** - Stacy Bailey, Tiffany Williams; **KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS** - Mary Grant, Tara Taylor; **LAKE SUNAPEE BANK CITIZENSHIP AWARD** - Katharine Sargent; **ANNIE G. LEONE AWARD** - Jessica Stocker; **MCCRILLIS & ELDRIDGE INSURANCE Co.** - Paul Franzen; **JOHN P. MOLLOY** - Stacy Bailey, Tara Taylor; **NEW LONDON ROTARY CLUB** - Norma Colby, Jessica Davis, Georgeana Hill, Aubrey Noyes, Michael Sherman, Tara Taylor; **SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD** - Katharine Sargent; **PIZZA CHEF OF SUNAPEE** - Sonya Lussier; **POLARIS FOUNDATION** - Aubrey Noyes; **HERB RIPLEY** - Thomas McKenney; **WENDELL W. RUDE MEMORIAL** - Gerry Rocha, Sarah Scott; **HERBERT B. SAWYER** - Thomas McKenney; **KAREN MARIE SCHRADER MEMORIAL** - Aimée Pelletier; **JOHN SEGALINI** - Janet Caron; **DAVID W. SHERBURNE MEMORIAL** - Mary Grant; **STURM, RUGER SUNSHINE CLUB** - Sonya Lussier; **SUGAR RIVER SAVINGS BANK** - Stacy Bailey; **SULLIVAN FAMILY & PROSPECT HILL ANTIQUES** - Ryan Miles; **SUNAARTS** - Greg Garceau; **SUNAPEE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION** - Sonya Lussier; **SUNAPEE BOOSTER CLUB** - Stacy Bailey, Jessica Cady, Mary Grant, Georgeana Hill, Katharine Sargent, Tara Taylor; **SUNAPEE CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY** - Katharine Sargent, Tara Taylor; **NON MEMBERS RECEIVING SCHOLARSHIPS** - Norma Colby, Sonya Lussier; **SUNAPEE FIREMEN** - Katharine Sargent; **SUNAPEE LION'S CLUB** - Janet Caron, Thomas McKenney; **SUNAPEE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION** - Norma Colby, Heidi Hayward, Katharine Sargent; **SUNAPEE THRIFT SHOP** - Norma Colby, Tom McKenney, Aubrey Noyes; **SUNAPEE TRUST FUNDS** - Jessica Stocker; **TOM & JUDY TUOHY MEMORIAL** - Tara Taylor; **UNITED METHODIST CHURCH-MEACHAM** - Tara Taylor; **HERBERT O. WILLIAMS**; Stacy Bailey, Tara Taylor.

Class Day exercises were held on Memorial Field at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 10, 1999. Awards presented were:

COLLEGE BOOK AWARDS - **Dartmouth College** - Katherine Stansfield; **Harvard University** - Erin Callahan; **Smith College** - Katherine Lantz; **Wellsley College** - Tasha Gerken; **NEW LONDON ROTARY - SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD** - Katharine Sargent; **DAUGHTER'S OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (D.A.R.) GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD** - Tara Taylor; **8th GRADE ESSAY PARTICIPANTS** - Angela Carleton (1st Place Winner), Emily Brown, Suzanne Kaegi; **HUGH O'BRIEN YOUTH LEADERSHIP (H.O.B.Y.) AWARD** - Caren Ruggles; **NATHAN JOHNSON 8TH GRADE GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD** - Suzanne Kaegi; **MATH TEAM AWARDS - SENIOR DIVISION** - Stacy Bailey, Erin Callahan, Benjamin Carleton, Paul Franzen, Andy Hill, Georgeana Hill, Katherine Stansfield, Katherine Stevens, Adam Vigneault; **INTERMEDIATE DIVISION** - Robert Allen, Jay Brode, Brianna Heath, Andy Hill, Erin

Peirce, Caren Ruggles, Dorothy Spencer, Benjamin Trow; **JUNIOR DIVISION** - Cabot Barnett, Lark Barnett, Jeffrey Billings, Michael Billings, Michael Brode, Evan Hudson, Tyler Kavanagh, Mallori Rice, Richard Robie, Tiffany Tremblay, Jessica Walter; **ODYSSEY OF THE MIND (3RD PLACE WINNERS)** Sarah Carlson, Josiah Downey, Kelly Peirce, Richard Robie, Jessica Walter, Sarah Wiggins; **PEER TUTORS** - Hannah Bascom, Sasha Dubreuil, Katelyn Gosselin, Justin Jacobs, Morgan Maxfield, Crystal Rowe, Benjamin Trow; **HARVARD MODEL CONGRESS AWARDS** - Hannah Bascom, Adria Brown, Ryan Christensen, Nick McKenney, Heather Nolen, Melissa Pillsbury, Mike Pollari, Sarah Scott, Joey Snider, Dorothy Spencer, Jim Stanley, Jessica Tuthill; **MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION AWARDS** - Stacy Bailey, Adria Brown, Ryan Brown, Jessica Cady, Dan Caragher, Ben Carleton, Paul Franzen, Preston Franzen, Steve Hadzima, Andy Hill, Sarah Scott, Melissa Silver, Joey Snider, Dorothy Spencer, Tara Taylor, Amie Vaillancourt, Adam Vigneault; **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHY BEE AWARDS: Winner** - Sarah Wiggins; **Runner-up** - Peter Blank; **MIDDLE SCHOOL SPELLING BEE AWARD** - Shaun Chaves; **PERFECT ATTENDANCE** - Jeffrey Billings, Michael Billings, Christian Demers, Josiah Downey, Patrick Gugliemo, Kali Huff, Martha LaPorte, Amy Macie, Benjamin Trow, Jeremy Trow; **RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN ART AWARD** - Ryan Peter Christensen; **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS: Valedictorian** - Georgeana Hill; **Salutatorian** - Stacy Bailey.

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE - SUNAPEE MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL

These three words epitomize the major goal of our school. Excellence in teaching and learning, citizenship, athletics, and extra-curricular activities drives all our efforts.

This past year has been a successful year. Schools are about “kids” and our “kids” have done very well representing themselves, the school, and the community. Academically, grade six placed at or above the state average in all categories on the New Hampshire Educational Improvement Assessment Program tests (NHEIAP). Grade ten students did extremely well, garnering the top mean scaled scores in the state in language arts, science, and social studies on the NHEIAP tests. In math grade 10 ranked tenth in the state. The NHEIAP tests are one measure of how well a school meets the curriculum frameworks established by the State of New Hampshire. Sunapee Middle High School is obviously approaching excellence in this area.

In athletics our school has done very well again. All the teams were competitive. Highlighting the year, the baseball team advanced to the state finals, both soccer teams made the state tournament (the girls for the first time in their short history) and the girls’ volleyball team became state champs.

Our students have enjoyed additional successes in Harvard Model Congress, Mock Trial and Odyssey of the Mind. A remarkable statistic at Sunapee Middle High School is that 92% of our student body participates in extra-curricular activities.

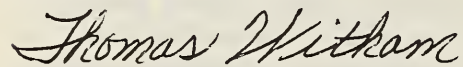
As most of you know, for the past year and a half, Sunapee Middle High School has been involved in its self-study as part of our dicentennial accreditation by the New

England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). This process involves not only the staff, but also students, parents and community members. Many thanks are extended to those of you who gave up valuable time to assist us in this very important task. We are putting the finishing touches on the self study now. On April 9, 2000, an accreditation team from the NEASC will arrive in Sunapee to complete the accreditation process.

This fall we welcomed several new people to our staff. Holly Norton, who comes to us from Newfound High School, is the new assistant principal. Paul Gallup has taken the reins as athletic director, while Alan Shulman and Linda Houston are new special education teachers.

On behalf of the staff, I pledge to you that we will all continue to "Strive for Excellence" for the children and community of Sunapee.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Witham".

Thomas Witham
Principal

TOWN OF SUNAPEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
1999 SUNAPEE SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE, County of Sullivan, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the David W. Sherburne Gymnasium located on Route 11, in said Sunapee, on Monday, the 1st day of February, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. for the deliberative portion of the annual School District Meeting to discuss the articles, hereinafter set forth. Final voting action on all articles shall take place by ballot on Tuesday, the 9th day of March 1999, at the Sherburne Gymnasium, Route 11, Sunapee. The polls shall be open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Moderator, Harry S. Gale opened the deliberative session of school district meeting on Monday, February 1, 1999 at 7:07 p.m. He reviewed the following housekeeping items: no smoking in the building, and if there were an emergency he gave directions of exits, registered voters only would be allowed to speak, all amendments must be in writing, all questions are to be made to the moderator, certain articles are not amendable, but questions on these articles will be allowed, and all motions require a second. The moderator stated his belief is that everyone that has something to say would be allowed to do so, although, personal attacks would not be tolerated. The moderator introduced the head table, and asked Superintendent Dr. William Gauthier to lead the voters in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ARTICLE 1

To choose a moderator, clerk, and treasurer for the ensuing year and to choose two members of the School Board for the ensuing three years and one member of the School Board for the ensuing two years.
The moderator moved the article to the official ballot.

The polls were open from 8:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m. There were 890 votes cast as follows:

***Denotes winner.**

School Moderator	*Harry Gale	743 Votes
1 Yr. Term		

School Board	*Shaun P. Carroll, Jr.	701 Votes
3 Yr. Term		
	*Dana L. Whipple	661 Votes
3 Yr. Term		
	*Matthew D. Gerken	516 Votes
2 Yr. Term		
	Nancy L. Smith	242 Votes
School Clerk	*Betty H. Ramspott	798 Votes
1 Yr. Term		
School Treasurer	*Alan Doherty-Write In	25 Votes
1 Yr. Term		

ARTICLE 2

To hear reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

The officials said there was nothing to report at this time. Resident Bill Roach felt there should be a report on the new Middle High School. He asked for some explanation on the addition etc. Assistant Superintendent John Handfield explained that building was occupied as of September 1998, and they have been addressing issues as they surface. They have a final punch list that is being resolved prior to final payment. He indicated that information would be forthcoming. Tom Witham, Principal of the Middle High School spoke to the water damage from burst pipes. He sent a memo to Jim Fenn, Business Manager on January 21 indicating the construction company is taking care of damages. All contractors will be paid directly.

ARTICLE 3

Shall the Sunapee School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, for the purpose set forth therein, totaling \$5,607,672.00? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$5,402,588.00, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Sunapee School District or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Note: Warrant Article #3 (Operating Budget Article) does not include appropriations under any other warrant article.)

Chris Stoddard moved the article, and Jolyon Johnson seconded it. Chris Stoddard spoke to the article indicating the default budget figure as printed is incorrect and should be \$5,522,058.00. Mrs. Stoddard addressed the largest

increases in the budget. Resident Bill Price questioned the reduction in the teaching staff. Debbie Gibbens, Principal of the Sunapee Elementary School, indicated a drop in enrollment was the reason. Resident Laura Trow asked about the reading position. Mrs. Gibbens indicated they would like to increase the reading teacher's position from 1 day to 2 ½ days per week. Resident Ken Southall asked why the increase in special articles. Jim Fenn replied it is a reflection of the increase in cost of running the school district. Dr. Gauthier then spoke to Mr. Southall's question indicating they felt the community should have the opportunity to vote on the articles, and keep them separate. Selectman Fred Gallup asked for an explanation of the default budget, and Jim Fenn informed voters that explanation was on handout #1. Resident Tony Bergeron questioned why the budget did not reflect the reduction in the teaching staff. School Board Member Nancy Smith explained the half time reading teacher and the assistant principal/athletic director job being split is where the difference lies. Mr. Bergeron then asked for a count of students in each school, and was given the information by the principals. Mr. Bergeron stated a reduction in staff was not a good move for Sunapee. Resident Jim Elliot asked the school board if they have a policy for annual raises for all employees. Nancy Smith replied the teachers have a contract, and there is a wage scale for the remainder of the staff. Mr. Elliot asked if raises were based on cost of living, and he was told no. Mr. Elliot then asked if teachers pick up any of the cost for benefits, and Mrs. Smith indicated teachers pay 5% of health insurance cost and support staff pay 10%. Mr. Elliot asked for a ten-year history on salaries and benefits and Dr. Gauthier indicated they could supply a five-year history. Dr. Gauthier felt it was important for Sunapee residents to know how important a good, stable teaching staff is, and he feels Sunapee is superior. He felt it important to address the needs of the teachers, and what the town can afford. Resident Judy Ulinski indicated she has been on the negotiation teams for many years, and teachers have never been tied to inflation, even when it was at 9-10%. Teachers over the past years have been granted raises in the 2 ½ to 3% range. Teachers aids in the same range. Mrs. Ulinski indicated when the teachers were made aware that other town employees were paying for a portion of their health insurance, the teachers agreed to contribute. Resident Margaret Thomson asked why an additional reading specialist was needed if enrollments were down, and also if teachers received merit raises. Dr. Gauthier said all teachers have a review and any teacher with an unsatisfactory one would not get a raise. Dr. Gauthier's opinion is that merit raises would be too costly for the town. Resident Edythe Dexter spoke on behalf of the custodians, and questioned why long-term custodians were not being compensated, as they should. Jim Fenn explained

they did have inequities in that area and they have been, and will continue to work on that issue. Resident Laura Trow asked why the Asst. Principal and Athletic Director is a combined position. Tom Witham explained they are trying to separate that position. Both areas are suffering because of time constraints. Fred Gallup felt the figures that went out in the mail were confusing, and Jim Fenn indicated that all the pages should not have been sent, just the back page, and asked all voters to focus on the back page only. Selectman Bill Scharff asked what percentage the school portion of the tax rate would increase if all articles were passed. The administrators asked for a 5-minute break to get information. After the break, Jim Fenn explained the increase would be \$1.63 or 13.7%. Resident Sandy Hastings asked what area would suffer if the budget did not pass and we defaulted to last year's budget. Chris Stoddard, School Board Member replied textbooks. With no further questions the moderator moved the article to the official ballot.

384 Yes *470 No

SPECIAL ARTICLE 4

Shall the Sunapee School District vote to create an expendable general fund trust fund under the provisions of RSA 198:20-c to be known as the Special Education Trust Fund, for the express purpose of meeting the District's lawful obligation to its special education students, and to raise and appropriate from undesignated fund balance, (surplus) as of June 30, 1999, if available, a sum not to exceed twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00), and to designate the School Board as agents to expend.

Nancy Smith moved the question, and Chris Stoddard seconded it. Nancy Smith spoke to the article explaining this article will enable the School Board to put funds up to \$25,000 in an account if there is a surplus. Town Manager John Wheeler asked how this article tied in with Article 8. Jim Fenn explained this article really has nothing to do with Article 8. This article is trying to be proactive, rather than reactive. Resident Steve White asked if there ever was a surplus, and if not, how are we ever going to create the fund. Jim Fenn explained some years there has been a surplus, but the district cannot spend more than it is authorized. With no further questions the moderator moved the article to the official ballot.

***474 Yes 379 No**

SPECIAL ARTICLE 5

Shall the Sunapee School District raise and appropriate \$54,000.00 for the express purpose of purchasing a full size school bus.

Jolyon Johnson moved the article, and was seconded by Nancy Smith. Jolyon Johnson spoke to the article explaining this would replace a 12-year old school bus with 200,000 miles. Resident Margaret Thompson asked, why couldn't we put this off. Bill Roth, Supervisor of Building & Transportation explained this was a bus that was put off last year, and voters should consider the safety factor. Jolyon Johnson explained it is cheaper to operate full size buses, and if we wait another year we will have both safety and repair issues. Resident Diane Cook asked what would happen to the old bus. Jim Fenn explained we would trade in and only spend the difference. With this Mr. Fenn asked to amend the article to read: **Shall the School District raise & appropriate up to \$54,000.00 for the express purpose of purchasing a full size school bus and to authorize the use of said trade-in or sale to offset the amount to be raised by taxes.** Nancy Smith moved the article, and was seconded by Chris Stoddard. The amendment passed with a voice vote. With no further questions the moderator moved the amendment to the official ballot.

***561 Yes 294 No**

SPECIAL ARTICLE 6

Shall the Sunapee School District raise and appropriate up to \$50,000 and to place said funds into the School Facilities Capital Reserve Fund. (A vote at an annual school district meeting is required in order to spend and funds from this Capital Reserve Fund)

Jolyon Johnson moved the question, and was seconded by Chris Stoddard. Resident Jim Elliot asked if this was going to be an annual request. Jolyon Johnson replied this article, like all capital reserve articles are to soften the blow when a purchase is needed. Fred Gallup asked why this article read up to \$50,000, when most capital reserve articles are a specific amount. Nancy Smith asked to amend the article to read: **Shall the Sunapee School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 and to place said funds into the School Facilities Capital Reserve Fund. (A vote at an annual school district meeting is required in order to spend any funds from this Capital Reserve Fund)** Nancy Smith moved the amendment, and was seconded by Chris Stoddard. With no further questions the moderator moved the amendment to the official ballot.

399 Yes *448 No

SPECIAL ARTICLE 7

Shall the Sunapee School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$74,000.00 for the express purpose of purchasing computers and related items for the Sunapee Elementary and Middle/High Schools.

Jolyon Johnson moved the article, and was seconded by Chris Stoddard. Jolyon Johnson asked the two principals to elaborate. Debbie Gibbens explained this would complete the Elementary School media center and computer lab, and purchase a projector to do overhead computer lessons. Tom Witham explained this completes the Middle High School lab, and will outfit a CAD lab. With no further questions the moderator moved the article to the official ballot.

417 Yes *440 No

SPECIAL ARTICLE 8

Shall the Sunapee School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000.00 as a deficit appropriation to the 1998-1999 school budget to cover the increase in the special education costs.

Nancy Smith moved the article, and was seconded by Chris Stoddard. Jim Elliot asked for a comparasion of special education cost today vs. 10 years ago. Mr. Elliot asked if the district was making sure that only students who need these services get them? Special Needs Director, Kenneth Devold, explained he has little history of ups & downs and it depends on how many children need the services. He informed voters that special education could consume up to 50% of the budget. He also explained that students go through an evaluation process to receive these services. Dr. Gauthier explained these are federal rules and not state rules when it comes to special education. Ken Southall asked where he could find the revenues we receive from the state or federal government. Jim Fenn explained it shows up in the default budget on page 9 of mailer. With no further questions the moderator moved the article to the official ballot.

***470 Yes 381 No**

SPECIAL ARTICLE 9

Shall the Sunapee School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 for the express purpose of obtaining an engineering study of the Sunapee Elementary School Building to determine the needs of that building.

Jolyon Johnson moved the article, and was seconded by Nancy Smith. Jolyon Johnson spoke to the article indicating the necessity to establish the needs of the building, and prioritize them. Fred Gallup spoke against the article. Mr. Gallup explained we just finished the project at the Middle High School, and made renovations to the Elementary School just a few years ago, and he feels that town projects have taken a back seat to the school, and it is time for the school to take a step back. Dana Whipple, a member of the facilities committee, explained there are a few areas that should be addressed at the school including a

new roof. With no further questions the moderator moved the article to the official ballot.

321 Yes *534 No

SPECIAL ARTICLE 10

Shall the Sunapee School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000.00 for the purpose of obtaining an engineering study of the Sherburne Gym to determine the needs of that building and to address certain of the needs as determined by the engineering study.

Jolyon Johnson moved the article, and was seconded by Chris Stoddard. Jolyon Johnson spoke to the article indicating the intent was to spend \$35,000 on a design for locker rooms, remodeling rest rooms etc. With this an amendment was made by the school board to read: **Shall the School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to be allocated as follows: \$35,000 for the purpose of obtaining an engineering study of the Sherburne Gym and \$40,000 for the repairs identified and upkeep of the gymnasium.** The amendment was moved by Chris Stoddard, and seconded by Jolyon Johnson. With no further questions the moderator moved the amendment to the official ballot.

319 Yes *536 No

SPECIAL ARTICLE 11

Shall the Sunapee School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 for the express purpose of funding paving of the parking lot at the elementary school and replacing the intercom system at the elementary school.

Chris Stoddard moved the article, and was seconded by Jolyon Johnson. Debbie Gibbens spoke to the article explaining there is not a two-way intercom system in the building, therefore, there is no communication between office and classrooms. The paving of the playground has been needed for quite some time, and like all other projects if we wait it will cost more. Ms. Gibbens indicated the paving is about \$4,500.00 and the remainder is for the intercom. With no further questions the moderator moved the article to the official ballot.

***528 Yes 329 No**

PETITION ARTICLE 12

Shall the Town budget advisory committee have the same responsibilities for the Sunapee School budget as it does for the Town budget?

Fred Gallup moved the article, and was seconded by Steve White. Fred Gallup urged all to vote in favor of this article explaining it looks like the school board has a large task and could use some help. Bill Scharff said this was his first year

as Selectman and felt the budget committee was a great, diverse group of individuals that ask good questions, and the school board should welcome the group. Dr. Gauthier explained the budget committee has the power to do this now, and the budget process should be a two way street, and he would recommend the budget committee be involved. Chris Stoddard explained the budget committee was always welcomed at meetings, but few showed. Matthew Gerken says he supports the idea, and we should welcome the budget committee as another set of eyes. With no further questions the moderator moved the article to the official ballot.

***540 Yes 276 No**

PETITION ARTICLE 13

Shall the District vote to decrease the size of the Sunapee School Board from 5 members to 3 members, which shall be accomplished as follows:

In the Year 2000, the entire 3-member board would be voted in as follows:

- 1 school board member shall be elected for a 1-year term,**
- 1 school board member shall be elected for a 2-year term,**
- 1 school board member shall be elected for a 3-year term.**

In the year 2001 and thereafter, 1 school board member shall be elected each year for a 3 year term (This properly aligns the election of the board members for the future).

Fred Gallup moved the article, and was seconded by Bill Chalmers. Fred Gallup spoke in favor of the article, he felt the more members you have the more time spent on issues. Judy Ulinski felt it was too bad we haven't even given the 5-member board a try. She also wanted to know how legal this was to elect and the wipe the slate clean. We could get three new members who have never served on the school board. Jim Fenn indicated that the petitioner has looked into this issue, and this would be legal. Moderator, Harry Gale indicated the Secretary of State is who was asked about this issue. Matt Gerken felt if the town elected to have a 5-member school board, let's try it and see if it works. Bill Roach spoke in favor of the article, as he has served on a 7-member board for over 30 years, and felt the more ideas the better. Mr. Roach indicated that after sitting and listening to more members he has even changed his mind on some issues. With no further questions the moderator moved the article to the official ballot.

257 Yes *589 No

The deliberative session adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Betty H. Ramspott, School Clerk

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SELECTMEN’S OFFICE HOURS: M,Tu, Th, F 8AM-5PM, W 8AM-1PM	763-2212
THRIFT SHOP HOURS: Tu 3PM-6PM, Th 6PM-8PM, Sat, 9:30	NONE
TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR HOURS: M 9AM-6PM, Tu, Th, F 9AM-5PM, W 9AM-1PM, Second & Fourth Sat, 9AM-NOON.....	763-2449
TOWN MANAGER.....	763-2212
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Tuesday, March 14, 2000
Sherburne Gymnasium on Route 11
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VOTERS: Please see enclosed
Blue - Sample Town Warrant Ballot
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